Department of Professional Learning and Innovation

Department Meeting
September 14, 2018

Immediately following the College of Education Faculty Meeting. Kilpatrick 226 from 3:00-4:30

Minutes

In Attendance: Diane Gregg, Chris Greer, Paulette Cross, Carol Christy, Jane Hinson, Yeprem Mehranian, Linda Bradley, JW Good by WebEx.

University Update and Invitation

Video Message about GC Journeys from Cynthia Alby; Question Generation and listserv signup
Opportunities to engage in a professional development course, research teams, study abroad/away, mentoring, research regarding essential skill inclusion in every course. Invitation to wind down Wednesdays at 5:30

Welcome & Celebrations (10 minutes)

- Positive, Productive, and Professional updates
  - Paulette Cross shared about her trip to South Korea, global perspectives, and building connections
  - Yeprem Mehranian shared a bit about his trip to Armenia and the resulting impact with students and pedagogy. He will share more about the related student relationships in the future.
  - Faculty and student stress levels on campuses are high. In these changing times, numbers in counseling are increasing, and therapy animals are opportunities for support
  - Diane Gregg described the importance of cultural touchstones.

Program & Service Updates with Potential Actionable Task List (45 minutes)

Focus on the Strengths/Challenges/Opportunities identified in August to guide conversations on strategic planning and actionable items.

Foundations - Curriculum and Instruction & Teacher Leadership (Marcia Peck)

Jane Hinson described growing richer experiences as an online instructor and raised the question regarding over extension. We are currently running two sections of Curriculum and Instruction as well as two Sections of Teacher Leadership

Educational Leadership (Cheryl Reynolds & JW Good) – We have a smaller Tier II group due to PSC changes, but larger Tier I. Leadership has 4 programs. In addition, we are waiting to hear about the Leadership grant for January. The assessment changes with PASL for Tier 2 are similar to the GACE assessment in Teacher Leadership. Conversation regarding ways to support students in preparation may be valuable.

Library Media and Instructional Technology (Diane Gregg) Emphasis on really enjoying what we do and the content areas of Technology and Library Media. Building community through online teaching is going very well. However, the more the COE grows, the more of a strain our program faculty feel for service courses. How can we best meet the need and continue high quality graduate courses?

Reading, Literacy and Language (Carol Christy)
2 sections of EDRD 5210 – The Teaching of Reading have been put fully online this fall. It can be a bit of a challenge to get students in the habit of reading for fully online course. The embedded ESOL endorsement is likely to be taught again this summer.
Service Courses and Scheduling – we have significant technology and reading needs coming in the near future.

Information Items & Reminders (10 minutes)
- GeorgiaView & LiveText – It makes perfect sense for programs to use the learning management system that works best for your pedagogy. If we can just post one announcement and a syllabus in GeorgiaView for every class that you teach, it will help students to find information and begin successfully. Think of LiveText purchase like a required book. It is now $139 and the membership lasts for 7 years. We are exploring putting something in Banner or email to let students know the platform for the instructor.
- Finding & Ordering Supplies – Give to Ms. Monroe as an Amazon wish list.
- Website Updates
- Nametags and Business Cards are available

Follow up for Meetings (5-10 minutes)
Next Meeting – October is unique due to the Tenure and Promotion meeting. We selected October 12th from 12-1:30 for the next meeting.
November 9th 3:30-4:45 (immediately following the COE Faculty Meeting)
We will set a Coordinator’s Meeting in the near future.