

Minutes #320a

College of Education Senate

SPECIAL MEETING ON THE BUDGET

October 31, 2003

11:00 A.M.

Dean's Conference Room

Present: Lynn Nielsen, Sherry Gable, Deb Deemer, Deb Gallagher, Kevin Finn, Jody Stone, Amy Staples, Karen Couch Breitbach, Michelle Yehieli, Bill Callahan, Dean Jeff Cornett

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by COE Senate Chair Sherry Gable.

Dean Cornett reported on the current budget crisis:

1. The COE needs to cut approximately \$235,161 from the budget within the year.
2. Approximately \$125,510 needs to be reduced immediately with an additional \$109,650 anticipated by July 1, 2004.
3. The administration currently anticipates that in the near future an additional cut could be requested that may equal the current total of \$235,161. Unless the budget projects change drastically in the near future, we need to prepare for approximately 450,000 in cuts, with the hope that another scenario less drastic occurs.
4. In order to meet these cuts Dean Cornett has asked the COE administrators to explore all aspects of the current budget.
5. Closing the Laboratory School is not on the table. We will continue to look at aspects of the budget here as in all other units.
6. Given the vision of the COE, Educating For Reflective Practice, the Dean wishes to look at three questions:
 - a. What is our essential core?
 - b. What is the best governance structure for the COE?

- c. How do we remove the “silos” within the COE and work for greater synergy across and within units?
- 7. Current actions:
 - a. Discontinuing our relationship with NCATE. President Koob sent a letter to NCATE October 30, 2003 indicating we will not seek accreditation. The overall accreditation process cost approximately \$170,000 over the past two years. We would not have the funding to implement anticipated recommendations brought forward by the final report.
 - b. State accreditation is not optional. We will focus our energies on addressing recommendations made by the state accreditation team.
- 8. Dean Cornett and the COE administrative team are currently exploring options for reorganizing the COE.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Lynn E. Nielsen

COE Senate Secretary