

Minutes #334
College of Education Senate
November 29, 2004
4:30 p.m.
Dean's Conference Room

COE Senate Members Present: Reed, Staples, Nielsen, Gallagher, Deemer, Gable, Finn, Couch Breitbach, Heston, Dean Cornett.

Visitors Present: Christine Canning, Sandy Alper, Charlotte Haselhuhn, Kim Knesting, Donna Schumacher-Douglas, Carol Cooper

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chair Gable.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- a. Reed moved and Finn seconded that Minutes #333 of November 15th be approved. Motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Report on Meeting with United Faculty Representatives:** Gable and Dean Cornett reported that a subcommittee of the COE Senate met with representatives of United Faculty to consider union implications of the proposed COE reorganization. At this time there appear to be no issues which are problematic.
- b. **Reorganization:** Chair Gable reviewed the process and schedule for consideration of reorganization proposals. Gable also summarized response she had received from departments regarding the reorganization proposal currently under consideration (Proposal J).
 1. The Curriculum and Instruction Department is not supportive of this plan for reorganization.
 2. The Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations voted to support the proposal.
 3. The Department of Special Education is not supportive of this plan for reorganization. Staples reported that members of this department are not unanimously opposed.
 4. The Office of Student Field Experiences within the Department of Teaching is not supportive of this plan for reorganization.

Dean Cornett summarized responses from the four open faculty meetings held since the last COE Senate meeting. He noted that the question had been raised as to whether or not the COE is obligated to reorganize. Dean Cornett indicated that he will not make that decision unilaterally and that his

expectation is that any COE reorganization will come upon the recommendation of the COE Senate.

Chair Gable summarized the options available to the COE Senate at this time: 1) Approve the current proposal; 2) Call for additional reorganization proposals; 3) Keep the current configuration of the COE in place.

Gallagher moved and Heston seconded that the COE Senate retain the current reorganization proposal and meet with individual departments between now and February 1 to discuss the issues related to the proposal. Motion failed.

Heston moved and Reed seconded that the COE Senate defer reorganization activities at this time and encourage departments and/or faculty groups to pursue reorganization on the department level with all due haste. Motion carried. Carol Cooper volunteered to forward to the COE Senate suggested guidelines for departments to consider when discussing reorganization proposals on the department level.

Dean Cornett provided a summary of the many benefits derived from the reorganization discussions which have occurred over the past year. Specific comments will be forwarded to faculty in a separate mailing.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Proposal from HPELS to Rename the College of Education:** Finn summarized the rationale for the proposed renaming of the College of Education. The document was generated from a meeting of the program coordinators from HPELS. This item will be on the agenda for the December COE Senate meeting.
- b. **Report from Dean Cornett:** No report at this time.
- c. **Breitbach moved and Finn seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**
- d. **The COE Senate meeting will be held on Friday, December 17th.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

**Lynn E. Nielsen,
COE Senate Secretary**