



Dean's Report to the College of Education's College Council

September 26, 2008

New Business

DOE site visit team awards full continuing program approval. The College of Education's first site visit from the Florida Department of Education concluded with a recommendation for full approval of the MA in Elementary Education/ESOL and its systems for program delivery and continuous improvement. The self-study and the program have been recommended as a model for the state of Florida. Final approval comes in May 2009 after the team recommendations are reviewed and acted upon by the Program Approval Board and the Commissioner of Education. No written report was provided at the exit interview. The team chair will send a written report with the team's decision to the university within three months of the site visit. At this time, there will be an opportunity to respond to the report.

The team provided the following written commendations:

- dedicated faculty and staff
- collegial environment
- respect gained from students and other community stakeholders
- Self-Study Website

Budget Report for 2008-2009. There will be a College of Education budget update on the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget at the November 14 faculty meeting. The report will include a first quarter update, budget projections for the year, and an update on expenditures for the DOE site visit and preparation for NCATE accreditation and the site visit in September of 2009.

Faculty Travel. Six faculty members submitted travel funds requests for refereed paper presentations for papers accepted and/or submitted for presentation by the deadline. The range of travel funds requested for accepted and/or submitted papers was \$1896 to \$1228 per trip for tenure-earning and or tenured faculty and \$900 requested by a non-tenure track faculty member. The College of Education will support one trip for accepted papers and/or papers submitted for presentation for each of the individuals who submitted their requests by the deadline, with the non-tenured tenure-track faculty receiving full support for travel to present a paper accepted for \$900. If there are any funds available at the end of the year, faculty members may submit additional travel reimbursement requests for consideration. The total amount approved for travel totals \$9,452. If there are travel funds available at the end of the year, additional requests for travel support will be considered on a case by case basis with priority given to non-tenured and tenure track faculty working towards tenure and/or promotion, who have not already received travel support as endorsed by the College Council at the August 29 meeting.

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Faculty searches for 2008-2009. Dr. Noonan has approved four faculty searches this year in the College of Education for faculty positions beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Noonan has approved the college to search to fill the following positions: 1) Instructor of Educational Leadership (search committee chair to be determined); 2) Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership (chaired by Brie Reck); 3) Assistant/Associate Professor in Mathematics Education (chaired by Andy Reeves); and 4) Assistant/Associate Professor in Reading Education (chaired by Margaret Hewitt).