

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

November 14, 2008

New Business

SACS Site Visit. The Site Visit for SACS has been confirmed for May 5 and 6, 2009. The dates were chosen to ensure faculty are still on contract. More information will be forthcoming about how specific faculty will be involved during the visit.

NCATE Site visit. The NCATE Site Visit has been confirmed for September 16-20, 2009. More information will be forthcoming about the Board of Examiners Team and how specific faculty will be involved during the visit.

Budget Reductions. During 2007-2008, units at USF St. Petersburg were required to submit cuts to their base budgets of 4% and subsequently 6% with a plan to cut an additional 5% if necessary for a proposed 15% cut for the year. The 10% cuts have already been taken out of the base budgets. We are now being asked to actually implement the plans we made for the additional 5% cuts. Because the College of Education took a 10.97% cut last year, our cut this fall will be 4.4%. I plan to discuss in detail these actual budget cuts and possible additional budget cuts for spring 2009 in the College of Education faculty meeting today from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Florida Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (FACTE) Day on the Hill. The 2009 FACTE Day on the Hill has been scheduled for March 9, 10, and 11, 2009. This statewide organization represents all the public and private institutions in Florida that prepare teachers and other education professionals. At last year's event in Tallahassee, 200 members met with their legislative delegations. Through their efforts, the bill to restructure higher education by dissolving the Board of Governors was defeated. This year, the group will emphasize holding the line on cuts to education and supporting proposed legislation on teacher induction and mentoring, which has also been endorsed by the FEA, the professional organization representing all teachers in the state.

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Academic Learning Compacts (ALCs). Updating the ALCs is another task for SACS in which faculty in all three colleges have involved. Margaret Hewitt and Deanna Michael have been coordinating this effort in the COE. ALCs have been updated from almost all COE programs, and all ALCs are scheduled to be completed by the end of the day on Friday, November 14. Thank you to all of the ALC coordinators (Cynthia Leung, Andy

Reeves, Terry Rose, Margaret Hewitt, Gwyn Senokossoff, Deanna Michael, and Brie Reck for a job well done. Kudos also to Franki Robinson for her excellent staff support.