MINUTES
Departmental Meeting
February 4, 2013
3:00 pm
Navy Hall 107


Excused: W. Zilz

Guests: Dr. Kate Nichols & Ms. Charlotte Kemper, McDowell Institute

Recorder: C. Andrezze

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Additions to Agenda
- 5K Walk for Kayla Heim
- Omnibus for Deaf Culture = Good Model
- Field Director Search Update

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from November 19, 2012 Department Meeting were approved (Motion – J. Bentley-Sassaman / 2nd – B. Wert).

Congratulations to Dr. Pang
Dr. Wilson offered Congratulations on a job well done to Dr. Pang, who served as the Commencement Speaker for the Fall 2012 undergraduate commencement ceremony.

5K Walk for Kayla Heim
A benefit 5K Walk is being planned for Kayla Heim, one of our majors in Special Ed/ECE who is on medical leave at this time. Dr. Knoster disseminated a draft document to faculty which updated them on Kayla’s progress and the event which will be held April 27, 2013 at the BU Recreation Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Curricular Proposals
The curricular proposal (Omnibus) for ASLTERP 330 – Deaf Culture / GEPS was recently reviewed at BUCC where it received compliments as a good model. Dr. Bentley-Sassaman will forward this document to the faculty to use as a guide in preparing future submissions.
Search Updates

Field Director/COE
Over 60 applications have been received. Phone Interviews will be conducted initially in an effort to determine which candidates to bring in for interview. It is hoped this position will be filled this Summer or Fall at the latest.

ASL/English Interpreting

- **ASL Position**: There are 3 applicants / 1 qualified. This individual will be invited to interview. Two individuals have inquired about late application. The Dean is being consulted on this.
- **Interpreting Position**: No applications have been received. The search has been extended and reposted with an April deadline.

Special Education
Search closed 1/15/13. Eighteen applications were received, with 4 invited to interview. Targeted interview dates are 2/8, 21, 26 and 27. Faculty are encouraged to attend the candidate presentations.

Education of Deaf/HH
Search is closed, and an offer has been extended. Waiting to hear.

Complements have been requested for Fall 2013 and Fall 2013/Spring 2014. Searches will need to be completed for full-time/full-year positions.

COE Reorganization
A good deal of discussion occurred on the pending reorganization of the COE. Drs. Knoster and Walsh shared information from the discussions of the Ad Hoc COE Strategic Restructuring Committee. Several different ideas for reorganization have been presented by the committee, including 2, 3 and 4-department structures. Ultimately, the Dean and Administration will make this decision. It is anticipated that implementation will occur beginning with the Fall 2013 semester. If faculty would like additional individual or small group discussions, please feel free to contact Dr. Knoster. Also, thoughts/questions may be presented to Dean Mauch via Dr. Knoster.

McDowell Institute for Teacher Excellence in PBS
Dr. Nichols updated faculty on the implementation of MTSS across the departments of the COE. Exceptionality Programs is on board, with Promising Teacher Candidates and token economy programs. Early Childhood/Adolescent Ed is set to roll out MTSS soon, and Dr. Nichols will be presenting to the Secondary Ed faculty at their next department meeting.

Workshops on the application of PBIS are being conducted with the faculty of CSIU’s Five Star program. Drs. Nichols and Knoster will have a poster presentation at the upcoming APBS Conference, and will conduct a presentation at PA-PBS on the application of MTSS within Higher Ed.

Faculty and students are encouraged to submit poster proposals for the PA PBS conference. Proposal forms will be disseminated as soon as they become available.
Announcements:
Faculty are directed to the announcements noted on the Agenda for this meeting relative to:
- COE Faculty Meetings
- Departmental Electronic Voting Procedures
- Smart Boards in NH
- Fewer Summer Course Offerings
- Funding for PA PBS Implementers’ Forum
- Curricular Updates Across Programs

Meeting adjourned 4:03 pm. (Dr. Wert motion / Dr. Tucker 2nd)

Timothy P. Knoster, Chairperson          Date