REEL Faculty Meeting February 5, 2010 Minutes

Attendance

Attending: Bertie Billups, Marvin Chapman, Joyce Frazier, Michael Green, Jennifer Hathaway, Janice Hinson, Cindy Hopper, Hal Jaus, Melanie Johnson, Brian Kissel, Christy Luce, Melinda McCabe, Adriana Medina, Maryann Mraz, Jack Piel, Paola Pilonieta, Drew Polly, Kate Popejoy, Tracy Rock, Tehia Starker, Bruce Taylor, Jean Vintinner, & Maria Yon.

Absent: Bob Audette, Leigh Ausband, Louise Baucom, Sherell Fuller, Crystal Glover, Amy Good, Stephen Hancock, Misty Hathcock, Sarah Ramsey, Robert Rickelman, & Karen Wood.

- 1.) Approval of January 15, 2010 Minutes.
- 2.) Dr. Hinson expressed to the faculty some concerns about student folders and the confidentiality of items put in the students folder going missing. Ideas were brought up about ways to prevent critical items from going missing. Joyce Frazier suggested colored dots placed on folders of students who have letters in their folders that need to not be taken out of the office. There was also the idea of making a folder within the folder for items that need to be taken out before the student can take the folder to their advising appointments.
- 3.) Michael Green continued his discussion from the previous faculty meeting about a Faculty & Staff Endowed Scholarship for Reading and Elementary Education students. He handed out the proposal for how we would decide on who received the scholarship. Concerned were raised by the faculty about who would receive the scholarship each year and how often we could amend the criteria surrounding the scholarships.
- 4.) Dr. Hinson asked that the faculty to discuss and vote on having a unified grading scale. Separate ballots were given to the faculty. The first ballot was to vote on whether we should have a unified grading scale. The final vote was 21 for and 4 against with 1 abstained.
 - The next ballot was to vote on whether we should have a 7 point grading scale or a 10 point grading scale. The vote was 18 for a 7 point grading scale and 7 for having a 10 point grading scale and one that abstained. Therefore, we will use a 7 point for department-wide.
- 5.) Strategic Goals 2010-2015. Dr. Hinson asked the faculty to start thinking about long term goals we have already met from last year's 2009 report. She also asked for ways we can update and merge old and new goals. She asked for volunteers to form a committee that will discuss our mission statement and will also work to update our goals. The committee members are as follows. Tehia Starker, Jack Piel, Jean Vintinner and Bruce Taylor.
- 6.) Drew Polly and Christy Luce presented revisioning updates about the MAT and MED. The EIED faculty present some feedback on how they felt about the changes. The changes to the program will be voted on in March.