



College of Education

Dean's Report to the College of Education's

College Council

August 22, 2009

New Business.

Alleged Violation of the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida and Procedures for an Academic Grievance

As Dean of the College of Education, I serve as ombudsperson for teacher education in the College as required by the Florida Department of Education for all programs leading to teacher licensure. I am required to certify that each of the College's graduates has met all of the requirements for state licensure, including upholding all of 6B-1.006 Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida.

http://www.fldoe.org/edstandards/code_of_ethics.asp, which comprises 6B-1.001 Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida and 6B-1.006 Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida.

In the event that student conduct in the College of Education allegedly violates the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida, as Dean, I am bound to take immediate administrative action. Because all students are entitled to due process, I propose that in such circumstances, the Academic Grievance Process bypass the College level committee and be handled by the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs following the grievance process at that level.

This proposal has been vetted and approved by the USF System Office of the General Counsel.

Support for Faculty Professional Travel. Professional travel to present refereed papers at major national and international meetings and/or to serve on major, national professional boards is an important element of every faculty member's professional development. For tenure track faculty, it is also a professional expectation for tenure and/or promotion. After a careful review of the College of Education budget for 2009-2010, I propose the following support for faculty professional travel for the 2009-2010 academic year:

- 1) **For non-tenured, tenure-track faculty members,** the College of Education will provide up to \$1,000 per non-tenured, tenure earning faculty member to support travel to present refereed papers at major national or international meetings; and
- 2) **For tenured, tenure-track and full-time non-tenure-track faculty members,** the College of Education will provide up to \$500 to support travel to present refereed papers at major national or international meetings.

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Attendance Policy. The following proposal was approved by a majority vote of the College Council at its May 1, 2009 meeting. I propose that the following approved statement go to Curriculum and Programs for action at its September meeting that the statement be included in all COE syllabi.

During the April 24, 2009, Childhood Education program meeting, problems associated with student absenteeism were discussed. Even though each of the program faculty already include statements in their respective syllabi regarding attendance and class participation, the program proposed that the attendance policy from the university catalogue be include in all syllabi.

General Attendance

Only officially registered students or students approved to audit a class are entitled to attend class. Students are responsible for being aware of all instructor-based and University issued attendance policies and the requirements of the registrar for enrollment, drop/add and fee liability. Students are responsible for completing the academic requirements of each class as defined by the instructor and as set forth in any class syllabus. An instructor may make attendance mandatory and may impose penalties, including failing a class, for excessive absences. It is university policy that student absences will be excused for military duty, jury duty, and religious days (as set forth in University policy 10-045). Excused absences for other documented reasons may be allowed at the discretion of the instructor. Though excused, the student is responsible for completing all academic work, examinations, assignments and labs in a timely fashion.