



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

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New Business

Summer School 2012. Summer School funding, which is separate from funding for the academic year, will continue to be revenue generating source for the institution. Funds previously set aside to support summer school have been used to protect the colleges from statewide cuts. As a result, Dr. Noonan has announced that fulltime faculty will be limited to one course in Summer of 2012. Note: Dean Fueyo plans to schedule a faculty meeting and invite Dr. Noonan, so she and the faculty can discuss summer school funding and staffing for the College of Education in more detail.

On-line learning orientations for COE students. In the BXE, our undergraduate program, as well as some of our other graduate programs, all or most of the courses offered for new students in a given semester are on-line. For many of our students, who have no experience with on-line learning, this can be somewhat problematic. There are numerous well-research strategies for addressing this, so I suggest the Council bring this issue to the faculty to develop a college wide plan for ensuring student success in our on-line classes.

New academic policies. Academic Advising has developed a new Academic Dismissal Policy for all students whose GPA falls below a cumulative 2.00. In Fall 2011, 14 COE students had a GPA below 2.1. Academic Advising will develop an Academic Improvement Plan for all students on Academic Probation. Note: Dean Fueyo is requesting that Academic Advising initiative the Academic Improvement Plan for College of Education students when their GPA falls below 2.5, rather than 2.0.

The first time an undergraduate student's GPA falls below a cumulative 2.00, the student will be placed on Academic Probation. From the beginning of academic probation, the student must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA each term and may not totally withdraw from any term without cause. Any student who withdraws from all classes after the fifth day of classes while on Academic Probation will be academically dismissed. Once on Academic Probation, academic advising prior to registration is mandatory until the student is removed from probationary status. The student may remain on Academic Probation indefinitely as long as he/she maintain a GPA of 2.00 or greater each term. If at any time while on Academic Probation the student's term fall below a 2.00, the student will be academically dismissed from the University. proposed a plan to enhance the retention of students with a GPA below 2.1.

Undergraduate students who have earned more than 60 hours will be limited to withdrawing from a maximum of two courses for the last 60 hours in their degree program. Faculty who are contacted by a student requesting to withdraw from an undergraduate course are requested to counsel the student to see an academic advisor.

Transition to the Interim Dean, Bill Heller, in Spring 2012. To ensure a smooth transition from my leadership as Dean to Dr. Heller, who begins serving as Interim Dean on January 2, 2012, he and I will be meeting regularly beginning in October to identify key issues and ensure continuity. To that end, I invited him to join Lyman Dukes, Becky Ogletree, and me to attend the annual NCATE/CAEP meeting. As of January 2, 2012, Dr. Heller will serve as Accountable Officer and Head of Unit for NCATE.