

Alumni Advisory Committee
College of Education
February 24, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Members Attending: Roseanne Logan, Pat Parsons, Amelia Simmons, Mary Sue Smith, Todd Williford;
Ex-Officio: Randy Carlson, Cindi Chance, Sandra Nettles; *Others:* Mary Egger, and Brian Holt

Todd Williford called the meeting to order and asked those attending to introduce themselves.

1. Celebration of Life - Victoria Zwald

Todd Williford acknowledged the many contributions and leadership that Victoria Zwald provided the Alumni Advisory Committee. She will be greatly missed, but the projects she helped initiate will be continued by the Committee.

2. Coordinator of Media, Public Relations and Development

Mr. Williford reported that the College has begun the search process for a Coordinator of Media, Public Relations and Development. The new employee will work with the Alumni Advisory Committee.

3. Centennial Plaza/Brick Campaign

The sale of commemorative bricks has been advertised on the COE website, and it will be in the Spring issue of Southern Educator and in a mailing that is being sent out in March by the Registrar's Office with diplomas going to all December 2004 graduates.

Members suggested other ways to advertise the brick sales including:

- * to principals and superintendents suggesting it as a way to honor school and system Teachers of the Year.
- * to superintendents or personnel directors suggesting the use of the bricks to honor retirees.

4. Southern's Art Extravaganza 2005

Members suggested that the Wildlife Center be asked to let schools who contact them about visiting their Center know that the COE is close by and school groups can visit the art exhibit.

Members discussed the Fall '05 exhibit. They agreed to invite certified art teachers within a 50 mile radius of the COE, as well as art teachers in Dublin, and to again exhibit only two-dimensional art. In future years when appropriate exhibit cases are available, three-dimensional art might be added. Todd Williford and Pat Parsons volunteered to work on the art exhibit subcommittee for Fall 05. Mr. Williford reported that Dabney Edenfield would like to continue on the art subcommittee.

The art in room 2148 has featured student artwork from one school (Islands Elementary School) which was named a "High Flying School" at the Youth-at-Risk Conference the previous year. This year Mattie Lively Elementary in Bulloch County Schools was named a "High Flying School". Members agreed to invite Mattie Lively to display student artwork in COE room 2148 for the 05/06 year. Senator Jack Hill attended the gallery opening in Fall 05 and it would be good to invite him soon for the Fall 06 reception to get it on his calendar.

Committee Membership

Mr. Williford distributed copies of the Committee's Bylaws and pointed out that there are to be twelve members each serving a two-year term. He suggested that it would be good to start a rotation so that terms overlap with half of the terms expiring each year.

The following members agreed to serve one more year through 05/06:

Todd Williford (Ed Leadership)

Pat Parsons (Early Childhood)

Amelia Simmons (Secondary English)

Mary Sue Smith said that since she also serves on the COE Board of Advisors, she could continue on the alumni committee or step down, whichever would be best.

Mr. Williford suggested that Dabney Edenfield (Art Ed) be asked to serve a one-year term since she has already agreed to work on the Art Extravaganza for 05/06.

Rosanne Logan (Secondary Math) is Chair-Elect and will be committee chair for a two-year term beginning later in the meeting.

Dr. Carlson will ask faculty for suggestions of alumni from the Counselor Education and the Instructional Technology programs who could be asked to serve on the committee.

Dr. Nettles will ask faculty for suggestions of alumni from the Reading Education program.

Suggestions for possible members for two-year terms can be sent to Roseanne Logan at rlogan@effingham.k12.ga.us

5. Homecoming October 22, 2005

Mr. Holt and Mrs. Egger will reserve the location for the College of Education tent at Gate Four.

6. New Officers

Dean Chance thanked Todd Williford for his service as committee chair for the past two years and presented him with a commemorative COE pewter plate. Roseanne Logan assumed the role of chair. Her term is for 2005-2007. She noted that the position of chair-elect will be filled by an election at the Fall 2005 meeting.

The date of September 8, 2005, was set as a tentative date for the Fall 2005 meeting. A late afternoon meeting time is best for members since they teach.

Members discussed having an alumni representative at individual schools. One person in each county can take the lead in identifying a representative for each school in that system.

Volunteers are: Roseanne Logan - Effingham County Schools

Pat Parsons - Screven County Schools

Amelia Simons - Burke County Schools

Todd Williford - Bulloch County Schools

The principal or media specialist at schools in Candler, Evans, Emanuel and Bryan school systems could be contacted to learn what COE alumni work in the school. Ms. Logan will work on contacting schools to identify representatives.

Dean Chance said she could possibly provide a special recognition to thank the school representatives. It might be free Bar-B-Que at the Deans' BBQ tailgate at the Fall 05 homecoming.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.