

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

August 29, 2008

### **New Business**

DOE continuing program approval visit confirmed for September 21-24. DOE has confirmed that it plans to send a site visit team to review for continuing approval our MA in Elementary Education, Dual Track program. The Self-Study, which is the document we are preparing for the team to review, is in final draft and will be complete by September 4, when the Website will become live.

DOE Program Approval. By September 2nd, all programs in the College of Education leading to certification will have initial program approval folios submitted to the DOE (i.e., Educational Leadership, MEd.; Exceptional Student Education, MAT; Reading Education, MA) or will have already received DOE initial program approval (i.e., the Bachelors in Education with Dual Certifications in Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education, which was approved by the DOE on August 4, 2008).

NCATE site visit postponed until September 2009. The decision of the SACS Commission on Colleges to place USF St. Petersburg on probation for 12 months has resulted in ineligibility for the College of Education to proceed with our scheduled site visit in September of 2008 (i.e., letter from NCATE, August 21, 2008). The SACS Commission on Colleges is scheduled to review the institution's monitoring report and accreditation status at its June 2009 meeting. NCATE has agreed to postpone our site visit until September of 2009 and to extend our accreditation through our current accreditation umbrella with USF Tampa.

The site visit in September of 2009 will not be a joint visit with the DOE. It will simply be an NCATE team visit for the accreditation of the college as the unit that offers educational preparation programs at our university. Because Florida is a partner state with NCATE, the next joint site visit with DOE and NCATE will not be until the fall of 2016.

Faculty searches for 2008-2009. Given the pending additional budget cuts for this fiscal year, I am working with Dr. Noonan to seek approval for faculty searches that we can conduct this year in the College of Education in the hopes of filling the positions for 2009-2010. To date the only search, for which I have received approval, is the Assistant/Associate Professor for Reading Education. We plan to use funds from Margaret Hewitt's line when she retires at the end of 2008-2009. I am continuing my discussions to seek additional approvals.