

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

March 7, 2008

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Sabbatical Awards. The Academic Deans voted unanimously to fund all faculty sabbaticals for 2008-2009 recommended by the Sabbatical Review Committee. Recipients should be receiving notification today or early next week.

Budget Council /Academic Affairs Update on the Budget Cuts. At the March 4 meeting of the Budget Council, the committee members were told that USF St. Petersburg needs to cut a total of \$3.2 million from its 2008-2009 budget. We have about \$1 million in unfilled faculty and staff lines at this time. The charge remains to work with academic units and financial and service units to find other areas for possible budget cuts. For example, one suggestion for budget savings, which is posted on the Budget Council Website, is to close the university for the holiday week between Christmas and New Year's. If this were possible or if this suggestion were implemented into action, it could save the University approximately \$1million. April 15 is the deadline for the university's report on how it will address the 11% cut for 2008-2009. The Deans have been asked by Chris D'Elia to prepare plans for 7%, 9%, 11%, and 13% cuts with details on the implications for the academic programs in each of our units. These are not final action plans. They are plans to explore the possible implications of these actions in responding to the possible levels of cuts across the academic units. Some academic units may be asked to assist others in addressing these cuts. Despite the plans for addressing the budget cuts, the College of Education continues to have complete support to have the resources it needs to proceed successfully with its NCATE accreditation.

Tenure and Promotion. The University Tenure and Promotion Committee has finished its deliberations, and our two candidates have had an opportunity to review their evaluations. The next step in the process is for the applications to go to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Chris D'Elia.

Faculty Meeting. I would like to call a College of Education faculty meeting for Friday, April 25 from 9:30-11:30. The three major topics for discussion are the budget cuts, progress on our curricular folios, and preparation for NCATE.

Course Releases Because of the seriousness of the budget cuts, I am removing from the COE Website the internal program that was approved two years ago to provide additional time for faculty research. It is also likely that the college will be unable to support course releases for faculty advising. We are reviewing this very carefully, and Don and I plan to meet with each of the advisors to discuss this and prepare plans for meeting student needs. I have committee any additional funds remaining in the college budget for next year to support faculty sabbaticals for 2008-2009.

Faculty Resignation. Dr. Marlyn Bartlett has submitted her letter of resignation, effective May 2, to pursue other professional options. I know each of you joins me in wishing her all the best.

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Faculty Awards. Information about university-wide faculty awards in teaching, research and service is now posted at http://www.stpt.usf.edu/academics/faculty_resources/faculty_awards.htm
Deadline for receipt of applications is **March 17, 2008.**

France Louise Stavros Scholarship. We received two applications for the Frances Louise Stavros Scholarship. If the College Council deems both applicants eligible and deserving, the \$6,000 scholarship can be divided into two \$3,000 scholarships for 2008-2009. I would like the Council's recommendations no later than March 19.

FACTE Day with the Florida Legislature. March 27, I will be in Tallahassee with the Florida Association of Colleges of Teacher Education to participate in the Day on the Hill, representing the COE. The purpose and location of this year's statewide meeting have been designed to create opportunities for university-based teacher educators to meet with Florida legislators about critical issues, such as funding. I am interested in soliciting "stories" of our successes to share with them. Please submit this information to Dean Fueyo no later than **March 10.**