



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

December 2, 2011

New Business

Graduate Enrollments. As of November 29, 2011, both graduate student credit hours and new graduate students admitted at USFSP have increased by 14% and 9%, respectively, in comparison to November 29, 2010. As an institution, we lead the USF System institutions in graduate enrollments and admissions. This encouraging trend is echoed in the COE with a 25% increase in graduate students admitted over Spring of 2010.

A breakdown by program shows increased admissions in 4 out of 6 of the College's programs, with one program's admissions the same as in Spring 2010 and another below. Given the very low numbers of students accepted in all programs, increasing the yield from accepted to enrolled continues to be important.

	Admitted Spring 2011	Admitted Spring 2012	Accepted Spring 2012	Enrolled Spring 2012
Dual Track	3	3	3	2
El Ed Math/Science	0	1	1	1
English Ed	7	4	4	2
Reading Ed	3	6	6	3
Ed Leadership	2	4	4	2
MAT in ESE	0	2	2	1

Faculty Participation in Commencement. As of December 1, only two COE faculty members have indicated that they plan to attend Commencement December 11 and join the platform party. Commencement represents the culmination of our graduates' educational experiences in the College of Education. I encourage all faculty to consider attending to honor our graduates and join their colleagues and the students' families in celebration of this important achievement. Please confirm your participation in the commencement 2 with Angelica Foley by the close of business on December 2.

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MS in Middle Grades STEM. The USF Board of Trustees ACE Work Group unanimously approved the proposal for the MS in Middle Grades STEM Education at its December 1 meeting, following my brief presentation and response to questions. As a result of this approval, the proposed new program will be put on the agenda for the Board of Trustees Meeting on December 8, at which

time I will be making another formal presentation to the Board. Following the Board's approval, the proposed program moves to the Board of Governors for final approval.

Graduate Recruiter Search. The process of selecting a graduate recruiter for the College of Education was completed on November 21, when three finalists were interviewed by the selection committee. The committee members unanimously selected the same candidate. HR is completing the paperwork and reference checks. Once we receive clearance from HR, I plan to make an offer. My goal is to invite our new Graduate Recruiter to the COE faculty meeting on Monday, December 5.

Coda

December 2, 2011 is the last College Council meeting I will attend as Founding Dean of the USFSP College of Education. I would like to thank each of the members of the College Council for your leadership, your dedication to shared governance, your service to the College, and your collegiality. It has been a privilege and honor to have worked with such dedicated professionals. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your dean. I look forward to joining each of you as a faculty colleague in August of 2012.