

Saint Mary's College
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES October 5, 2011

MaryAnn met with the Austen Group this morning and received a positive report for the Education Department. She will have another meeting on Thursday with all the chairs and the Austen Group.

Amy Gillan will plan on representing the department on Fall Day on Campus, Sunday, November 13th, noon to 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Fleming gave her approval for us to advertise for our new faculty position.

A reminder will be sent to our Teacher Education Council on the meeting for Tuesday, October 11th at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda

- The spring schedule was attached for faculty to choose room #'s and make any changes.
- Many changes need to be completed on all the advising forms.
- The Art and Music portfolio requirements were discussed. It was decided that a policy will be written for future Art and Music majors. This fall the students will do a presentation only for their Critical Reflection.
- Karen reported on the IACTE meeting she attended on Friday, September 30th in Indy. Pearson has been awarded the contract for future teacher testing. These tests should take effect September 1, 2013. Partnership schools were discussed although most schools of education have not been real successful in this area. There was a great deal of discussion about "elevating the profession" and a few of the HR panel members discussed that GPA is looked at closely when hiring teachers. There was a lot of discussion on practicum and field time. It appears every school is doing something differently. One TEC is adopting a program from "St. Cloud" that involves co-teaching and co-planning at the elementary level.
Two teacher evaluation programs are being piloted this year – Rise and TAP. It was suggested tailoring the student teaching evaluations to align in some way with these programs as one will be used in the future.
Grading Teacher Education programs is a future goal of Dr Bennett. The legislation is currently being written.