

Saint Mary's College
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES April 16, 2012

Announcements

MaryAnn thanked Kitty and Insook for representing the department at the IACTE Outstanding Future Teacher Educators Banquet.

MaryAnn reported that she completed and submitted the PEDS report ahead of schedule.

The second draft of the Bulletin has been proof read and submitted to Todd Norris.

MaryAnn and Amy will be traveling to Little Corn Island off the coast of Nicaragua in May. They will explore the possibility of developing an Education Practicum there.

MaryAnn also let us know that Amy was awarded a SSTAR with a biology major who will do an ecological study on a lake in Alaska and Amy will video and then create a flipped classroom curricula. Also, Amy will do a presentation on the flipped classroom in Chicago.

Insook is going to the NCTM conference April 25th and will do two presentations.

Agenda

Suzanne Hinnefeld, introduced herself as the librarian liaison for the department. She shared a number of new books that will work well in collection and instruction. She also told faculty that there is funding for books and DVD's. A separate endowed fund is for children's books only.

Mark Dougher, Director of Corporate/Foundation Grants introduced himself and explained that he is working on getting grants. He is able to look for funding that would dovetail with scholarly work. Nancy expressed an interest in assistive technology (for example, getting an IPAD for class, or materials for the visually/hearing impaired). This could also work with Amy's technology class. Kitty suggested a few things she heard about at the IACTE banquet (google forms, flicker, etc) and Karen followed up with the idea of online portfolios which would mean, not only the program but computers or IPAD's for use by supervisors. Mark reminded us of a website he has created that we can use to look for grants (external grants and grant writing). Insook shared an idea of getting a grant for teaching math in the summer.

Last day in the field is May 3rd. Students need to add the hours on their timecards before they are submitted. Student teaching portfolios will be May 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Junior AWP presentations are Monday, April 23rd. The students need to dress appropriately, have 10 minutes and should touch on every standard. MaryAnn and Nancy will talk with the juniors about their oral presentations. Insook suggested they read the rubric carefully and encourage them to use their experiences as examples.

Visiting Scholar – Guojuan Li will be in our department and will share an office in our suite. Her area is Moral Education. She will teach... and visit schools.

Mimi Doherty Scholarship is available for need based students. Two students were nominated: S C and A N. They will split the scholarship.

Our Endowment fund at this time is \$3,115.00. Another \$800.00 is coming. Addie Cashore recommended that we raise the Grace Sullivan McGuire Award to \$300.00 and raise the Mary McDermott Award to \$400.00. Also, MaryAnn told faculty that there is money in our regular budget for instructional supplies or DVD's. MaryAnn will look into helping Insook receive money from our budget for a conference that she will be attending in Korea. CWIL gave \$600.00 and Patricia Fleming \$300.00.

NCATE's annual report is due April 20th. The Assessment Committee has reviewed and updated the conceptual framework to use more current references and all assessments are now aligned to it. The assessment schematic will also be uploaded with the report. There are four sections Part I has total numbers. Part II asks for the standard 2 efforts we have made. The state wants information about candidate exposure to diverse faculty. Kitty reported that at this time there are 13 new, diverse faculty for next year, including our own. We also have to address candidate exposure to ELL students. We have been gathering information on that this year.

IACTE – REPA II hearing is April 23rd and comments are to be submitted on April 25th.

As of September there will no longer be PRAXIS I tests. CASA (new Pearson) tests will be given.