



Faculty Meeting Agenda

November 10, 2023

10:00 am

I. Welcome

- Admissions Counselor Search Update
 - Candidates have interviewed and are in the final stages of selection. Hoping to finalize the admission counselor search by today or next week.
- Strategic Planning Process – Revisiting Mission & Vision Statements
 - Mission - The mission of the School of Education is to prepare and engage reflective professionals who create, use and share knowledge in partnership with individuals and communities to serve Mississippi and beyond
 - Vision - We imagine the transformation of individuals and communities to advance educational equity and excellence through innovative practice by professionals who lead and inspire others.
 - Mission and vision statements must be revisited to accommodate the new strategic planning process.
 - Please submit one (positive) adjective, noun, and verb to describe the School of Education to either Dean Rock or Pam. These will be amassed and the SOE will determine if an update to mission and vision statements is necessary.
- Reaffirmation of Promotion Guidelines for Non-Tenure Track, Clinical Faculty Members at December 1 meeting.
 - Promotion guidelines are about to expire, therefore, the SOE will reaffirm promotion guidelines for non-tenure track, clinical faculty and revise guidelines as needed.
 - There has been minimal volunteering for overhauling of guidelines, but if we reaffirm them, it gives them an updated date.
 - The SOE can still update the policies if desired, but it is a community-driven revision or update.

II. Adopt A Basket – Pam Barefield

- Collecting donations for Adopt A Basket for ASB
- Checks can be made out to ASB with “Adopt A Basket” as the subject line

III. Gift for Custodians – Pam Barefield

- We will be collecting money donations as a gift for our custodians in the SOE building in the near future. More information to come.

IV. Books and Bears – Dr. Erika Avent

- Books and Bears is a way to recognize UM facility workers at the University by hosting a book and toy lottery, and it will be held on December 15th from 9 AM – 11:30 AM.
- New children’s toys, books, and bears for children of any age will be accepted.
- Starting November 26th, the collection box will be on the 3rd floor by Dr. Avent’s office rm. 319. Donations will be accepted until December 13th.
- Books and Bears PayPal donations are welcome, as well as donating at the Mississippi Federal Credit Union directly to the Books and Bears account.

V. Department and Office Reports:

- Teacher Education- Dr. Tom Brady
 - Tori Hutchinson will be joining us in January doing some adjunct work with us in the ABA program and she will start as a full-time faculty member in the fall.
 - The Kindness Club hosted a wonderful event about Maxine Harper this past week.
- Leadership and Counselor Education- Dr. Rick Balkin
 - LCE wanted to recognize doctoral student Brian Herrington for being awarded an \$1000 scholarship from the American Counseling Association.
 - Juawice McCormick was awarded Outstanding College Counselor of the Year at the NCA Conference.
 - Leadership Ed faculty are currently hard at work at revising our Ed.D. program.
 - Dr. Balkin will be hosting one more Quantitatively Caffeinated session on December 1st at 8:15 AM.
- Higher Education- Dr. Phillis George
 - A group within Higher Ed traveled to Atlanta recently to attend the SACSA Region III conference, and there was a notably significant SOE presence at the conference.
 - Focusing on recruiting new faculty at the conference
 - Thank you to Dr. Pegues who helped fund the transportation. Thanks to Dr. Patrick Perry who was key in organizing this.
 - Thirteen Master's students and two doctoral students will be joining us in the spring.
 - On Monday, Higher Ed will have an online open house if you know anyone who is interested in pursuing a degree in higher education.
 - Higher Ed wants to recognize Dr. McNamee for his achievements and contributions.
- SAFE Office- Dr. Whitney Webb
 - Kara and Donna have worked tirelessly the past few months in helping our undergraduate students register for classes, so please recognize their hard work.
- Graduate Studies- Dr. Denise Soares
 - Recently, there has been an influx of graduate students who have stopped their coursework in the middle of their program and want to come back. The Graduate School has a leave of absence policy that issues approval for graduate students to leave school for up to one year; however, the current policy as it stands is that if students sit out of coursework for an entire Spring or Fall semester then they will have to reapply to their subsequent program (if not approved for leave of absence)
 - Additional leave of absence time can be given if approved by the Graduate School.
 - If you have new appointments for graduate assistantships, forms are due to the graduate school by November 30th.
 - The Doctoral Student Achievement Ceremony is happening in the spring, and names of doctoral students that graduate coordinators would like to recognize are due November 10th by 5 PM.
 - Graduate Council is officially reviewing the Graduate Faculty policy on December 1st, and Graduate Studies does not want to vote on the policy without feedback.
 - Dr. Soares will email proposed edits by the Graduate School out to everyone for feedback.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion- Dr. Karen V. Davidson Smith
 - N/A
- Marketing/Communications- Leslie Joblin
 - On December 12th, MarComm said that SOE MarComm will be able to update faculty profiles and graduate programs.
 - If you already have a faculty profile, SOE MarComm will just transfer the information for you. If you do not have a faculty profile, you will need to make one because the School of Ed page will feature rotating faculty. It will be obvious if someone does not have a faculty profile.
 - Some people have been submitting pictures from classrooms and events. Please let Leslie know if you are doing something cool in class (does not have to be exciting) to highlight.
 - Gary's Birthday Party will be held at the Annex on November 16th from 12:30 PM – 2 PM.
- Development- Kelly Smith Marion/ Jacob Ferguson
 - Development recently hosted the inaugural School of Education Scholarship Celebration where we honored 115 scholarship recipients. It was a great first event. Thank you to faculty who were there to support.
 - Ignite campaign to support Education Essential Kits is underway and will now include Counselor Education students.
 - Alumni awards nominations are live and there will be a ceremony for Hall of Fame members (25+ years in the field of education and practitioners of distinction). Please submit names of people to Kelly. Kelly can also submit nominations on your behalf to the board of advisors. Nominations close on December 1st.
 - Currently looking to nominate new members to the board of advisors, so if you know any alumni or folks who are really involved in education and would be great advocatess for the School of Education, please send those to Kelly.
- Research- Katie Mills
 - N/A

VI. Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates:

- Cookie Swap – Monday, December 4, 11:00 AM, Guyton 216
- Books & Bears – Friday, December 15, 9-11AM, Student Union Ballroom
- Assessment & Strategic Planning Retreat -Friday, January 19, 9AM-2:30PM
- SoE Faculty Mtgs: December 1, January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26
- SoE Student Awards Celebration – May 2
- SoE Alumni Awards Luncheon – May 3

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1	School of Education Faculty Meeting: November 10, 2023						
2			Initials				Initials
3	Adams	Blake			Montgomery	Erica	
4	Amidon	Joel			Mott	Michael	
5	Avent	Erica			Mungal	Angus	
6							
7	Balkin	Richard			Naron	Katie	
8	Bellman	Allan			Niemeyer	Ryan	
9	Bledsoe	Kenya					
10	Brady	Tom	TB		Oliphant-Ingham	Rosemary	
11	Bramlett	Mary	MB		Ortwein	Mark	
12	Burnham	Tom					
13	Bunch	Dennis			Perryman	Mandy	
14					Platt	Sara	
15	Cabrera Davis	Jill	JED		Prewitt	Elizabeth	
16	Carpenter - McCullough	Amber			Prior	Laura	
17	Cheng	Qiang	QC		Pulley	Kenneth	
18					Quong	Sally	
19	Crook	Kayla					
20	Cunningham	Renee	RD		Roberson	Nicole	
21	Curcic	Lana	LC		Rutherford	Angela	
22							
23	Davis	Doug			Schmitt	Erika	
24	Deschaine	Mark	MD		Scott	Susan	
25	Drewrey	Whitney			Sims	Amber	AJ
26					Smith	Karen	
27	Edmondson	Macey			Smith Marion	Kelly	
28	Eyler	Josh			Soares	Denise	
29					Stapp	Alicia	
30	Ferguson	Jacob			Steimle	Alice	
31	Foster	Ellen			Sumrall	Joe	
32					Sweeney	Joe	
33	Gauthier	Lane					
34	Gilbert	Sam			Taylor	Hunter	
35	George	Phillis			Thurston	Roy	
36	Goralczyk	Ashley					
37	Grace	Cathy			Vardanyan	Shushan	
38							
39	Harges	Alina	RL		Webb	Whitney	
40	Hill	Lauren	YSL		Weeks	Jimmy	
41	Hudspeth	Frank			Winburn	Amanda	
42	Hurt	Rodney	RD		Winfun-Cook	Candies	
43					Wolff	Kenya	
44	Joblin	Leslie	LJ				
45					Rock	David	
46	Kerwin	Alex			Wells Dolan	Amy	
47	Keskin	Burhanettin			Coleman	Kelli	
48	Khalid	Mo	MK		Barefield	Pam	
49	Kirkland	Tammy					
50					JACKSON	Amy	
51	Livingston	Kristina	KL				
52	Lowry	Diane	DL				
53	Lusk	Stephanie					
54							
55	Mays	Jan					
56	McClellan	George	GWD				
57	McClelland	Susan					
58	McNamee	Ty					
59	Melear	K.B.					
60	Mills	Katie					
61	Monroe	Ann					