

**Fall Faculty Meeting**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 3212**

Dean Kent called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**1. Introduction of New Faculty & Staff:**

**a. Dean' Office – Dr. André Green – Associate Dean**

Also serving as: Director of Grants and Contracts;  
Interim Director of Center of Integrative Studies in Science, Technology, Engineering  
and Mathematics.

**b. Academic Advising Center – Ms. LePret Williams – Academic Advisor**

MS, Community Counseling, University of South Alabama  
BA, International Relations, Agnes Scott College

Ms. Williams will be advising undergraduate students in LTE and Professional  
Studies.

**c. Health, Kinesiology, and Sport**

**Ms. Patty Foster – Secretary V**

Patty has been promoted to the Secretary V position and her old position is currently  
posted through Human Resources.

**Dr. Sarah McKinley-Barnard – Assistant Professor of Exercise Science**

Sarah is a graduate of Baylor University. Her specific area is in Exercise Science and  
Exercise Physiology.

**Ms. Susan Montgomery, Instructor in Therapeutic Recreation**

Previously worked for the Alabama Head Injuries Foundation and the Shepard Center  
in Atlanta, GA.

**d. Leadership and Teacher Education – Dr. Susan Santoli – Interim Chair**

New Interim Chair in LTE also serves at the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Ms. Wendy Harrison – Secretary V**

**Dr. Lauren Brannon – Instructor K-6 Teacher Education**

**Dr. Todd Johnson – Assistant Professor in K-6 Special Education**

**Dr. Benterah Morton – Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership**

**Dr. Christopher Parrish – Assistant Professor in Secondary Math Education**

**Ms. Hannah Szatkowski – Instructor in K-6 Education and Reading Education**

**Ms. Chen Fengchu, aka Linda – Visiting Scholar**  
 School of Foreign Languages, Shaoxing University in China

**Ms. Cui Jie, aka Vivian – Visiting Scholar**  
 School of Foreign Languages, Shaoxing University in China

**2. Bragging Rights:**

Dr. Kent provided an overview for the COE faculty bragging rights:

- FY 2015-2016 External Funding
- COE Advisory Council
- Fall 2017 Enrollment
- New Programs
- New Faculty
- COE Literacy Center

**3. Student Disability Services:**

Dr. Kent introduced our guest speakers Dr. Andrea Agnew, Assistant Dean of Students and Ms. Ashley Suggs – Coordinator, Sensory Impairment & Testing. Dr. Agnew distributed a packet folder on Student Disability Services and provided an overview of the various services and resources available.

Dr. Agnew introduced a new product available for the Fall 2016 called *Accommodate by Symplicity*. This module will allow faculty members who support students with disabilities to:

- view a list of students with disabilities who are enrolled in their courses;
- view accommodations for students enrolled in their courses; and
- securely upload exams to be proctored in our testing center.

**4. COE Advisory Council:**

Dr. Kent introduced Mr. Travis Bedsole, Chair of the COE Advisory Council. Mr. Bedsole stated the purpose of the College of Education Advisory Council (AC) is to assist in advancing the interests of the College of Education (COE) at the University of South Alabama, as well as with our community partners. In this regard, the Council provides advice and support to advance the mission of the COE and to help guide the College to continue to improve the quality of its programs.

**5. Enrollment Data:**

Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,384 students</li> <li>• 10,021 credit hours</li> </ul>	Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,227 students</li> <li>• 10,514 credit hours</li> </ul>	Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,220</li> <li>• 10,638 credit hours</li> </ul>
Graduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 445 students</li> <li>• 2,486 credit hours</li> </ul>	Graduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 443 students</li> <li>• 2,535 credit hours</li> </ul>	Graduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 512</li> <li>• 2,906 credit hours</li> </ul>

**6. Institutional and College Priorities:**

***Student Success and Access***

- Recruitment and Retention
- Diversity Initiative
- Faculty/Student Connections
- Quality Matters
- Team Based Learning

***Excellence in Health Care***

- HKS Internships
- PS Counseling Centers
- PS Partnerships/External Funding

***University-Community Engagement***

- COE Advisory Council
- Departmental Advisory Boards
- COE Alumni Society
- Literacy Center
- Field Experiences/Internship
  - Area Schools/Districts
  - Community Organizations
  - Businesses and Industry

***Enhancement of Research and Graduate Education***

- External Funding
- Research Dissemination
  - Publications
  - Presentations
- Quality Matters
- Team Based Learning
- Graduate Student Assistantship

***Global Engagement***

- Visiting Scholars/Faculty Exchanges
- International Students
- Cultural Immersion Experiences

**7. Departmental Updates:**

**Professional Studies – Dr. Tres Stefurak**

Two new programs:

1) Instructional Design Performance Improvement; 2) Education Technology

Dr. Milner and Dr. Browning – 5 year grant.

Dr. Upton – Study Aboard in America (New York).

Dr. Van Haneghan – Center for Educational Research, Statistics, Evaluation, and Assessment.

Dr. Burt Johnson – currently in Belgium teaching and conducting workshops.

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Dr. Joel Billingsley (Lewis) – working on cultural narratives using digital media.  
Dr. Ryon McDermott – won a division research award in APA; 11 publications in the last year; currently on an editorial board of Journals.  
Dr. Tres Stefurak and his team have been working with St. Mary's Home.

### **Leadership and Teacher Education – Dr. Susan Santoli**

New Graduate Program in Education Studies.  
Dr. Paige Vitulli and Dr. Susan Martin – received a Community Foundation Grant.  
Dr. Abigail Baxter and Dr. Dennis Campbell – received 5 year grant.  
Fall Conference we will have a number of faculty presenting.  
The Mid South Educational Research Association will be meeting in Mobile in November. Dr. Gahan Bailey is working on this conference.  
Several LTE faculty are using Team Based Learning and their courses are certified in Quality Matters.  
Dr. Nancy Gaillard completed her doctorate in May.

### **Health, Kinesiology, and Sport – Dr. John Kovalski**

New departmental name: changed from HPELS to HKS. Reflects more who we have become.  
Various renovations to improve infrastructure:  
Built 8 new faculty office suites; new classroom and lab area for Exercise Science and Therapeutic Recreation.  
The Molecular & Bio Chemistry Exercise Research Laboratory (Dr. Schwarz).  
Acquired Bone Density Equipment.

Curriculum and Program Development approved by ACHE.

- Master of Science Degree in Sport Management – approved September 2015 – will implement Fall 2016.

ACHE approved 6/10/16 undergraduate Exercise Science major with core Health Fitness & Pre Health.

Dr. Schwarz received first grant – Nutritional Supplement.

Dr. Broach (Co-PI) has submitted a grant to the Center for Healthy Communities at the College of Medicine.

### **Office of Assessment – Dr. Stephanie Stewart**

Dr. Stewart provided an update on the status of the COE's assessment and accreditation work. We are moving toward a key assessment system, typically 5 or 6 key assignments or experiences per teacher education program. Undergraduate teacher education programs will implement key assessments and related scoring rubrics this semester; graduate teacher education programs will begin in the spring. Other programs, such as those with APA and CACREP accreditation, will also have the option of developing key assessments to address learning outcome standards. To support this transition, the COE has adopted a new assessment technology called LiveText. LiveText will house our key assessments and rubrics (which are aligned with related standards), and produce user-

friendly data reports. In combination, we are well-positioned to continue to effectively meet all accreditation standards and further develop a 'culture of inquiry' in the College of Education.

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is the launch of LiveText training.

**Office of Grants and Contracts – Dr. Andre Green**

Dr. Andre Green provided an update of the COE's Grants and Contracts. He indicated that the COE had 6.5 million of external funding in 2015, which is up from 2014. He mentioned that our submission rate had decreased a little this year. He is planning to conduct workshops to help new faculty learn to write new grants and to get acclimated. Dr. Green noted that one of our new faculty, Dr. Christopher Parrish, has already received his first new grant of \$260,000.

**Office of Graduate Studies – Dr. Susan Santoli**

Dr. Susan Santoli provided an update on the Graduate Studies Program. Enrollment is up 15% Fall 2016 compared to last Fall 2015. Jamie Lett is continuing to follow-up with students in the application process which is helping to get applications processed in a timelier manner.

**8. Extra Yard for Teachers - Dr. Andi Kent**

On Saturday, September 24 there will be a USA Jaguar football game. The College of Education has been invited by Athletics to participate in an event called "Extra Yards for Teachers". This event is in collaboration with the College Football Payoffs (CFP). The CFP will give away \$500.00 to a winner and the College will match that amount and give \$500 to another winner. Letters will go out from the COE to all teachers in the area. Athletics will have a space available for the COE to setup a tent for guest to flow through and get drinks, etc. Dr. Kent will be working with SGA students to help get students to the game.

**9. COE Founder's Day Gala (50<sup>th</sup> Year) - Dr. Andi Kent**

Dr. Kent announced the Founder's Day Gala will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017. Since it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College of Education, we would like to celebrate the event by recognizing 50 people who have made a difference in the College of Education's history. President Waldrop will be asked to speak if he is not available, the Provost. Plans are to develop a committee for the event to help coordinate the logistics, etc. It will be an evening Gala type event with a band, catering and reception style setup. Dr. Kent will email out a link to a nomination form to be completed. Plans are to have the names by October so they can be notified to save the date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm.