To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

CHARGE: This committee carries out Faculty Senate business in accordance with the Faculty Senate Bylaws. This committee advises the dean on the responsibilities of administration in the Graduate School and makes recommendations concerning general policy and curricula. In consultation with the Dean of the Graduate School and with the approval of the Executive Committee, the Chair appoints committees not otherwise provided for.

SUMMARY

The Executive Committee of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education (GGSE) met 8 times during the academic year. The committee addressed three major topics this year: a revision of the bylaws to better represent the new organizational structure of the GGSE and reduce the number of non-Senate members; a new proposed department in Teaching, Curriculum and Professional Development; and the Strategic Plan of the GGSE.

MAJOR ITEMS

The committee met eight times during the year and addressed the following major issues:

1. Revise bylaws
   One of the major tasks of the committee was to revise the FEC bylaws to make them more consistent with those of other FECs on campus. Although a Senate committee, the old GGSE bylaws stipulated a large number of non-Senate members, including a number of members of the Dean’s staff (development officer, IT director, community officer) as well as Senate members from outside the school. So the committee proposed and the GGSE faculty approved of changes in the bylaws to make the FEC primarily a Senate committee. In addition, the committee adopted changes in the way Senate faculty members were elected to reflect changes in the organizational structure of the GGSE. In particular, a new department was created, the Department of Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychology and a new joint doctoral program was created with CSU San Louis Obispo that is governed by a Joint Graduate Group. So the bylaws were changed to allow faculty representation from those new units as well as from a group of faculty who work with the Teacher Education Program and who are proposing a third department. After approving these changes, the changes were discussed by the entire faculty of the GGSE at a faculty meeting held on January 22 and approved by a written ballot. The changes were forwarded to the Academic Senate and approved by the Legislature at its June 2007 meeting.

2. Review new departmental proposal
   A group of faculty who work in the area of teacher education developed a proposal to form a third department in the GGSE, the Department of Teaching, Curriculum and Professional
Development. The new department would incorporate the current teacher education program, which trains elementary and secondary teachers, into an academic unit along with a group of Senate faculty of work on teaching and related issues. The group drafted a proposal and the FEC reviewed a draft of the proposal prior to it being submitted to the EVC. The EVC then sent it to the Academic Senate where it was given an initial review by the staff. Then it was returned to the GGSE. The proposal was revised and then formally transmitted to the EVC, who then sent it to the Academic Senate for review. At that point, the Academic Senate sent it to the FEC for formal review. This review will take place in fall 2007.

3. Review of Dean’s Strategic Plan
   Since arriving at the GGSE in January 2006, Dean Conoley began to develop a Strategic Plan for the school that would guide research, instructional program development, student recruitment, and development. The Dean held a series of meetings with the faculty over the first year and half of her tenure to solicit input and feedback on the plan. She discussed the plan and solicited input from the FEC before transmitting it to the EVC in March.

4. FTE Plans
   Related to the Strategic Plan is the development of departmental FTE plans from the two current departments in the GGSE, the Department of Education and the Department of Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychology. The Dean asked the FEC reviewed these plans before she transmitted them to the EVC.

In addition, the FEC discussed a large number of smaller issues that were presented by the Dean.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Russell W. Rumberger (Chair)
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