



Gonzaga University
School of Education
State of the School Address

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Staff

- Since Fall 2013 13 members of the SOE have left and so far 11 have joined
- Five faculty searches led to: Dr. Melanie Person in Counselor Education, Dr. Cynthia Caniglia in Special Education (Fixed-Term), Dr. Jimmy Smith, Dr. Nichole Caulkins, and Mr. Jim Davis in Sport & Physical Education
- Three faculty from MA/TESL joined us June 2016: Drs. Hunter, Jeannot, and Savage
- Three new staff members: Margaret Martens (Admissions Office), Mayra Villalobos (Field Experiences Office), Yu Jen Wang (Budget Office)



New Program Proposals

- Ed.D. in Educational Leadership (approved by Academic Council April 2016)
- Ed.S. in School Psychology (to be submitted to Academic Council in September 2016)

Modified Program Proposal

- Master's in Educational Leadership: Reduction in credits and online delivery (approved by Academic Council April 2016)

Program Joining SOE

- MA/TESL

Program Name Change Proposal

- B.Ed. in Physical Education to Kinesiology and Physical Education (approved by Academic Council (January 2016)



Current and Future Collaborators and Partners

- Ambrose University
- Archdiocese of Seattle
- Calgary Catholic
- Canucks Autism Network
- Catholic Charities
- Charles Lwanga College of Education
- Chikuni Mission
- Child Care Aware
- Diocese of Spokane (multiple schools)
- Eastern Washington University
- Excelerate Success
- Fairchild Airforce Base
- Fulcrum Foundation
- Gonzaga University Business School, Law School, College, Engineering and Applied Science, Nursing & Human Physiology, and Professional Studies
- Head Start
- Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance



Current and Future Collaborators and Partners

- Kalispel Tribe
- Medical Lake Schools
- Mukogawa Women's University (Japan)
- Nazareth Guild
- Our Kids, Our Business
- Priority Spokane
- Promise Zone
- Salvation Army
- Spokane Public Schools (e.g., Garry, Holmes, and Shaw)
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Spokane Tribe
- St. Mary's University
- Umpqua Bank
- University of Washington
- University of Zambia
- Washington State University
- Whitworth University



Status of Proposed Centers

- Center for Catholic Education (CCE) – small work group met monthly with Bishop Daly to shape the CCE; moving forward with the mission/purpose, pillars, functions, and structure; began providing services to St. John Vianney and Trinity (three SOE faculty); brochure approved for raising funds; goal is to have the CCE up and running in AY 2016-2017.
- Center for Community and Educational Partnerships (CCEP) –in short, this center would be a centralized hub for community and educational partnerships that would be involved in professional development, evaluation, and research (see previous slide on collaborators/partners); involves SOE, AVP, VP Student Development, CCASL, President’s Office (Chief of Staff), and University Advancement (VP).



International Efforts

- Florence – revisiting our participation and presence to be more pedagogically and financially viable.
- Zambia – emerging opportunity for the SOE to be part of a larger University effort; 4 faculty traveled to Chikumi Mission in June 2016.



Special Events

- Assessment Conference – 2nd Annual Assessment Conference took place April 14-15 focused on Adaptive Behavior, Intellectual Disability, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Autism Spectrum Disorder; all SOE members and students were invited to attend at no charge; more than 100 participants each day.
- Celebration of Catholic Schools – yearly event now taking place in the fall semester; expect greater leadership and direction from the Diocese in terms of purpose and format.
- Day of Reflection – yearly event taking place in April.
- McCleary Act Seminar – conducted in conjunction with the Law School; year 3 planning in progress.
- Young Child Expo and Conference – great success in 2015; more than 10 SOE members participated in staffing and presenting; planning for 2016 (October 19-21, 2016).



Physical Plant

- Renovation of the dean's suite including new graduate admissions office.
- Sprinkler system installed summer 2015.
- New or renovated classrooms with new furniture and technology: Rooms 148, 159, and 216.
- Computer Lab: Planning to overhaul the computer lab to be a Learning Collaborative with state of the art technology, new offices, and ample space for faculty and students to work.
- Adding color to the SOE halls and corridors.



Future Projects

- Academic Governance Structure – Discussing Reorganization
- Dean's Office Reorganization
- Assessment Systems
- Graduate Admissions and Marketing
- Increasing Faculty Professional Development Funds
- SOE Website



Hot Topics in the State

- Indicator Model for Program Approval – Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB) is moving towards an Indicator Model to replace the current self-study/site visit model; affects all programs in all Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).
- Teacher Shortage – complex problem requiring multi-faceted solution; agencies involved include Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) PESB, Superintendents State-wide, Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE), and Washington State Legislature .

As a result, GU, WSU, WU, and UW have formed the Eastern Washington Education Collaborative (EWEC). The first event was the Superintendents' Reception on December 2, 2015.



Dean's Additional Roles

- Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE) – President for 2016-2017.
- Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) – President of Education Deans Conference for 2016-2017; Annual meeting taking place at Gonzaga University from September 21-23, 2016.



Conclusions

- Overall State of the School – alive and well; healthy.
- Future of the School – appears to be bright as long as we continue to receive resources from the University and we receive resources by being active, engaged, and creative.