

SP PEAB - 02/28/2003

Members present: Al Albertson, Kristi Anderson, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Gene Johnson, Keith Mars, Bill Rasplica.

1. Tammie requested assistance from the board in dealing with an issue that has arisen in her district pertaining to the administration of the WISC-III to graduating students for entrance into vocational program upon graduation from high school. She had been told by vocational school personnel that this was a requirement. Discussion ensued around the possible writing of a position paper by our board, or by the Washington State Association of School Psychologists (WSASP). Keith indicated that WSASP already had a position paper for reevaluations that covers this issue. Gene indicated that he felt that it was best practices to perform a complete evaluation of special education students just prior to graduation. PEAB members agreed, but indicated that it probably was not the norm.
2. Gene presented board members with a final copy of the interim report submitted to NASP in February. A draft copy of this report had been reviewed at the last meeting and Gene indicated that he incorporated recommendations made by members at that time. Five copies of the report were sent to the NCATE office in late January. Notification of the results of this review will be sent to the University during the second or third week in June. Gene thanked PEAB members for their input and assistance and stated that he believes that PEAB is a tremendous resource to the School Psychology Training Program.
3. Gene brought information to the PEAB pertaining to changes in the School Psychology Training Program's prerequisites. It is the recommendation of the School Psychology Program Committee that four of the five prerequisites be removed from the program. These include; Psychology 453 - Theories of Personality, Psychology 444 - Tests and Measurements, Psychology 362 - Beginning Statistics and Psychology 301 - Learning. It is the opinion of the School Psychology Program Committee that coursework in these areas is covered very thoroughly during the program itself. Having these prerequisites also makes it difficult for students who desire to enter the program from a field other than Psychology. Tammie, who had completed the School Psychology Training Program at Central, indicated that she did not feel that the prerequisites were beneficial to her as a student or as a School Psychologist. PEAB members voted unanimously to support Gene's position.
4. Keith briefed members on changes that are being proposed for certification of school psychologists by OSPI. He discussed results of the OSPI meeting in Burien and provided information about the various scenarios which could occur. Discussion ensued about how changes in certification would impact current practitioners as well as students in program. Board members made recommendations to Keith to bring to the next OSPI meeting should he continue to be a member of the final committee.
5. During the November meeting, Gene shared with this group a letter that he had received from Gail Hasbrouck, President of the Washington State Association of School Psychologists. At that time, board members felt that the letter was inappropriate and unprofessional as it contained sexually explicit materials. Gene reported that since that time, both he and Keith had received emails from Gail which were inappropriate and at times, threatening. As a result of these emails, Gene indicated that on February 11, 2003,

he made a formal complaint to the Ethics Committee of the National Association of School Psychologists. He presented board members with a copy of his letter as well as copies of the emails that he sent as documentation and indicated that NASP plans to open a formal investigation of his allegations. Gene stated that the final decision to file a complaint came after attending the OSPI conference in Burien. At that time, he attempted to have a conversation with Gail pertaining to the emails that she had sent. Instead, Gail accused Gene, and all of our PEAB members, of stealing \$12,000.00 from WSASP. Gail also threatened Gene and the PEAB by making a statement that we would find it very difficult to obtain any more funding in the future. On the same day, Gene was approached by Tom Delaney, the Washington State Delegate to NASP, who informed him that Gail had placed a sexually explicit email on the NASP Listserve, a list which is open to all leaders of NASP.

Gene also indicated that he had spoken to Theresa Kulik, Assistant Senior Attorney General, who serves Central Washington University. Ms. Kulik suggested that PEAB members should go on record by sending a letter to Gail indicating that they had not stolen money from WSASP. Gene provided a letter to the board which was signed by all members present. During further discussion, board members indicated that a copy of the letter should also be sent to Connie Reichel at OSPI. Gene will send this letter on Monday.

6. Gene reported to members that there are currently five students enrolled in the first year of the School Psychology Program. There are 12 students in the second year and three students are completing internships in Fairbanks, Alaska, Richland and North Bend. Review of applications for the 2003-2004 school year, Dr. Lisa Weyandt will be on sabbatical. However, there should be no impact on the program as other school psychology faculty can teach her courses.
7. Keith suggested that although our proposal to OSPI to have a five PEAB meeting was turned down by Lynn Douglas, that as a profession, we should attempt to hold a meeting even without the funding. As this is a year when considerable changes are to be made to certification standards for school psychologists, it is felt that it would be extremely beneficial for the five PEABs to have input into this process. It was recommended that Keith reapply to OSPI for supplemental grant monies. If such monies are not made available, Keith will then pursue having a meeting at PEAB member's expense.