

Ed Psych grads dissatisfied

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A general consensus of dissatisfaction appears to prevail among graduates in educational psychology regarding their curriculum and direction of the department.

About 20 educational psychology graduate students met Sunday night to create an organ for dialogue, between faculty and students. As a result of the meeting a committee of five was formed.

Its purpose, according to committee member Rulon Gibson, will be to organize frequent meetings for the students so that issues concerning the department can be discussed.

In addition the committee will be responsible for coordinating issues that may arise from discussions. Eventually, it is to meet the faculty and work with them in hopes of creating an improved department.

Rulon said as of yet, the group is still disorganized with no explicit plan of direction planned.

"In terms of goals, we will have something concrete to offer to the department in the near future," said Rulon.

No coordination

The students feel now that there is no real coordination between them and the faculty. This feeling is the source of much of the dissatisfaction.

The students feel they are ignored and have no say in the issues that arise within the department. They say that the student body is seldom, if ever, consulted when decisions have

to be made regarding the general curriculum.

John Schneider, a committee member, commented that whenever courses are dropped, or a teacher is changed by the faculty, the students are not consulted.

Committee member Gary Koyen feels that the department could be a better output if the students' views are listened to and considered when such changes are made by the faculty.

The main purpose of the students is not to just criticize the department, but to make the faculty realize the advantages that could be gained if student opinions are listened to, one student said.

Should set model

Koyen believes that the educational psychology department should act as a model and be the leader in practicing educational innovation.

He added that very few options exist for satisfying course requirements. He would like to see a change where the individual could have a wider option to fulfill his requirements.

The root of dissatisfaction, according to the students, lies in the careless attitude of the faculty towards students. They would like a student representative in departmental faculty meetings.

"It is not that we are a 'bad' department," said Koyen, "in fact, I feel, we have a relatively progressive department, but many times I feel that the faculty and students are pursuing opposite goals."

The students generally agree that the only possible way to rectify this

dilemma is to create dialog between faculty and students.

The students apparently consider the whole program was too rigid and over-structured. They would like to see more flexibility for students to strike out on their own.

"I feel students are dealt with like so many sheep that have to be sheared — everybody gets the same assignments," said Koyen.

Courses repeated

John Mahaffy, another graduate in educational psychology said that he has been disillusioned because many of the courses in this department are repetition of other courses.

He added that these courses did not measure up to his expectations.

According to Mahaffy, the faculty staff seems more absorbed in personal and other professional research projects and tend to neglect their teaching.

Mahaffy is also dissatisfied with the faculty staff advocates the importance more attention paid to teaching clinics," he said. "All classes I attended were just lectures."

Mahaffy added, that although the faculty staff advocates the importance of inductive teaching, they do not practice it themselves.

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