

**Department of Counseling
Faculty Meeting 8/27/2010
9:15am – 4:30pm
Student Union 262**

Faculty members present: Abrams, Balog, Ceballos, Culbreth, Furr, Harris, Lassiter, Ng, Post, Rapisarda, Veach, and Wierzalis

1. Call to Order: [Department Faculty picture taken at 9:20 – 9:40]

Meeting started at 9:45.

Approval of minutes will occur at all our meetings and then posted on our website.

Matters

considered confidential will be omitted.

2. News/Announcements:

Dr. Harris, newly appointed department chair, acknowledges the leadership and support of Dr. Susan Furr for her 6 years as department chair.

Departmental meeting dates scheduled...faculty will sign up for taking minutes in alphabetical order [w thru....]. Member taking minutes will be responsible to get someone to cover if they are not available.

Dr. Furr announced the planning for the 2010 Department Multicultural Conference...A grant from the Chancellor's office has been awarded and will be used to bring in Thursday night keynote speaker...Jim Ferguson, lawyer and local civil rights speaker... Dates of conference 10/14-15. Plans are for 3 to 4 2-hour sessions on Friday [3 hour multicultural/ethics session] with a more in-depth experiential piece associated with each session. A faculty panel will open and close the day's program. Dr. Ng suggested the recruitment of doctoral students. It is the goal for all faculty to participate...seen as an event to showcase our faculty... Faculty needs to respond...

Dr. Rapisarda announced the planning of a cultural experiential trip for counseling students to Nicaragua... [currently Mexico is unstable and therefore not an option]....This trip will qualify for 3 graduate credits and is tentatively planned for the end of May 2011...dates 20-30th.

CACREP Update: Dr. Culbreth reviewed the full report and distributed an overview of the resultsconversation was had about any program adjustments...need to work on a response...2 standards not met...examine the standard and respond by January 2011...need to examine assessment tools utilized in program training. We have many strengths in our program and the team saw a lot of what we have been trying to do.

The faculty will discuss the concerns where CACREP has made recommendations. Faculty noted that clarification is needed on the optimal development topic.

Section 3 of report spoke highly re: our sites and site supervisors and the work we do in clinical placements. Clinical/Mental Health track...questions regarding addictions, optimal human development etc...these need to be addressed.

Dr. Lassiter addressed the topic of addictions based/school based...electives...must be more focused {theories course will give the material required}... students are getting a spectrum of material in addiction classes.

Dr. Wierzalis spoke on the condition of the Learning Modules for practicum and internship;

Dr. Post mentioned the importance of meeting these objectives in our required courses...substance abuse class....H3/H4...all these issues can be covered in a required a substance abuse class.

Issue of adding a Qualitative Research course in our doctoral program was discussed because of the recent CACREP report indicating it was not being sufficiently addressed .

Motion: Dr. Furr made the motion to add a qualitative research course at the doctoral level in addition to the current 60 hrs increasing the doc program to a 63 credit total. Exception is that this year's class will do it within the 60 hours. This change will affect the 2011 class. **2nd** by Dr. Rapisarda

OPEN for discussion:

Vote...unanimous vote...this change will begin in 2011...but wording for current class. Dr. Rapisarda suggested that wording current HANDBOOK, This is now a 63 credit doctoral program

Dr. Balog asks ed if we could proceed with the name change [proposal] from Community to Clinical/Mental Health or do we have to wait until January. Name change can proceed now.

3. **Addictions Track:** need to move on getting this to faculty council etc.

4. State of the Counseling Program

What are we doing well...several members contribute teaching; the doctoral climate; our multicultural focus; attracting students from a larger geography area; more faculty present for student events; doctoral students participate more [relationship] with masters students;
What areas we need to improve on: returning emails in a timely manner to students; our availability; our advising;

LUNCH [Noon to 1:15] Crown Commons

NOTE: Looking at CPCE results...our students are doing very well compared to national average. Discussion of comp/exam.

Report from Office Administrator: Ms. Dagon informed the faculty on various office matters such as graduate assistant helper and the new Xerox printer which is now network connected for all faculty to print from computer. She also recommended faculty copy her on e-mails when job requests are sent to the office assistant.

5. Program Committees 2010-2011:

- Counseling Program Advisory Council:
2/3 yr rotating cmte. Outside members, clinicians, school counseling, student representation, one advisory group....
- Scholarship Committee:
- Doctoral Comp Exams Committee [will remain a part of the Doctoral Committee responsibilities]
- Clinical Committee: Dr. Wierzalis [Chair], Drs. Balog,
- Multicultural Counseling Conf. Cmte : Drs. Furr, Wierzalis

It was decided that each committee would formulate goals, keep minutes, and an agenda. Committees are charged to bring forth recommendations to the faculty. Need for a faculty handbook with the expectations and descriptions of assignments, committee work, was recognized. Drs. Post and Wierzalis agreed to take on this challenge of creating a faculty handbook.

6. MA Program:

Dr. Balog reported that she met w/grad school representatives and will be getting trained on “apply yourself” [electronic application process]. First information session was held on Thursday evening at 7pm and 12 prospective students attended.

7. PhD Program:

Overall program now changed to 63 crs for 2011. Dr. Culbreth presently working on doc handbook....last set of edits...review...new statement about qualitative. He requested that doctoral comprehensive committee be within the program committee.

8. Substance Abuse Program

Nothing for now

9. Post-Masters Certificate in School Counseling

Dr. Furr reported that the program has transitioned and now formed a cohort group. Currently one person this fall is in Internship. Only CACREP masters level students are admitted to the online distant ed program. Admissions deadline is March 1st and 15 students will be admitted per cohort.

10. Certificate in Play Therapy:

Dr. Post reports that the summer Play Therapy Institute was a success with 135 participants- she will be re-examining admissions to program;

11. Clinical Update:

Dr. Wierzalis spoke of the challenges currently in clinical placements. As always, finding sites, especially clinical/mental health is a challenge. The Learning Modules are near completion and ready to be released to students.

12. SPED 6000[6640]:

Dr. Janet Baxter, Department of Special Education, sent forward a final version of the syllabus for the special education class specifically for school counselors working with children with special needs. This course will be taught in the spring semester and will be required of all new students admitted in 2010. The pre-requisite for this course will be CSLG 7141.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Wierzalis that the department accept this course and make it the required special education class in place of the “school-focused [based] elective” currently listed on course selection sheets. 2nd by Dr. Ceballos

Discussion: as mentioned course # was discussed along with when it will be offered, who we will require to be the first group taking it, if it will be offered in any other semester.

Vote: unanimous acceptance by faculty. Dr. Baxter was informed to proceed with submitting to graduation school.

13. On-Line Courses:

The need to have discussions about what courses we teach online, who teaches them, etc. Using Moodle/Wimba....very challenging... comments on prep time...learning styles...open discussion. Faculty examines the need to establish some guidelines [discuss in MA committee].

14. Other business:

Dr. Veach spoke of the departmental goal regarding external funding. How important is that for our department??She shared news of some collaborative funding with CMC and UNCC

8. Adjournment: 4:45pm