

**Special Education and Child Development
Departmental Meeting
February 19, 2013**

In attendance: M.J. Anderson, K. Anderson, Baxter, Beattie, Brown, Campbell-Whatley, Cooke (left early), Correa, Flynn, Jordan, Lamorey, Matthews, Murphy, O'Brien, Rebich, Sherry, Shue, Smith, Wakeman, C. Wood, and W. Wood

Guest: Dr. Mary Lynne Calhoun

1. Call to Order (12:45)

a. Approval of Minutes (1/22/12):

- Dr. Jordan made a motion; seconded by Dr. Correa, to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2012, faculty meeting. The minutes were approved by common consent.

2. Information Items

a. New Testing Requirements for Teacher Candidates: NC Board of Education Adopts the Massachusetts Test of Education Licensure (MTEL) (Dr. Calhoun):

- Dr. Calhoun started the discussion by reviewing the handout of memo from Rachel McBroom, Educator Recruitment and Development, NCDPI. This handout outlines the new testing requirements that were approved by the State Board for teachers applying for an Elementary Education or Special Education: General Curriculum license in North Carolina.
- New testing requirements are effective on July 1, 2014. Special Education: General Curriculum license testing requirements include PRAXIS, MTEL (Foundations of Reading), and the MTEL General Curriculum Test which includes a sub-test of math content through the 8th grade level.
- Dr. Calhoun encouraged all to review additional information about MTEL assessments including test objectives, practice tests, and a faculty guide. <http://www.mtel.nesinc.com/index.asp>
- She encouraged faculty to pull together some ideas to help students prepare for and pass the MTEL; review course syllabi for content and 'beef up' areas to help students understand and pass the MTEL; provide workshops to coach students; recognize the anxiety among current students and talk about it;
- Dr. Calhoun will provide stipends for teams to develop strategies and review courses to help students prepare for and pass the MTEL.
- Dr. Wakeman raised a couple of questions regarding licensure reciprocity with other states.

b. National Council on Teacher Quality: State Teacher Policy Yearbook 2012 (Dr. Sherry/Dr. Calhoun):

- Dr. Calhoun stayed to participate in the conversation of the NCTQ. She noted the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) has produced numerous responses to the NCTQ reports. Those reports are on the AACTE website. Of particular interest is the article entitled "Experts Cite Lack of Research, Dismiss Credibility of State Policy Report on Teacher Preparation." The NCTQ produced few positive outcomes for teacher preparation programs and indicated that more testing may be the answer.
- Dr. Sherry reviewed and discussed the information from the *2012 NCTQ State Teacher Policy Yearbook*. He highlighted information in the NCTQ: Teacher Preparation Policy Checklist for States, Improving Teacher Preparation in North Carolina, and Critical Attention Summary for North Carolina.
- Dr. Sherry also shared information with faculty members from the *AACTE Institutional NCTQ Response Kit* so they would be better prepared to respond to professionals and students who read the NCTQ criticism.
- Dr. Sherry will collect faculty feedback to complete the Chairs Survey in response to the D+ rating

c. College of Education Faculty Council (Dr. Shue):

- The College of Education Voting Policy was discussed. The new Policy was approved at the College Faculty Meeting on Friday, February 15, 2012.
- There was also discussion regarding the University's Faculty Job Description. The COED faculty job description is in the faculty handbook. <http://education.uncc.edu/faculty-resources/faculty-handbook/core-responsibilities-tenuredtenure-track-faculty-member>

d. NC Content Literacy Continuum Leadership Symposium (Drs. Jordan and Sherry):

- The Department of Public Instruction is sponsoring the NC Content Literacy Continuum Symposium on February 21-22, 2013 at UNC Charlotte in the SAC. The Keynote Speaker will be noted special educator, Dr. Don Deshler.
- Dr. Jordan will confirm with DPI staff that department faculty members may attend the keynote since there is limited seating

e. Advising for Graduation (*Amanda Macon*):

- This topic will be placed on the March meeting agenda. Ms. Macon was unable to attend because her son is ill.

f. edTPA Update (*Dr. Baxter*):

- The date for the edTPA program transition plan is April 15th (not the 25th as noted in the meeting).
- edTPA planning will begin at the next SPED Program Meeting on February 26.

g. CHFD Faculty Search Update (*Dr. Correa*):

- The third and final candidate, Dr. Cynthia Baughan, will be visiting campus on February 20 and 21.
- Dr. Correa asked that faculty flag their calendars to attend the Open Faculty sessions and/or the Research and Teaching Presentations.
- Dr. Correa also thanked faculty for their attendance at the open sessions, and appreciates the comments and feedback.

h. Diane Ravitch TIAA-CREF Lecture: March 20, 2013 (*Dr. Sherry*):

- The live presentation will be at Center City Building, 7:00 pm following a campus meeting at 4:30-5:30 Cone 210.
- The evening presentation will be web-streamed and recorded. Faculty may want to include this in their classrooms.

i. University Faculty Council (*Dr. Smith*):

- There was brief discussion regarding the percentages and distribution of F&A indirect costs. Dr. Test had asked Dr. Smith to add this discussion to agenda however Dr. Test was not at the department meeting to hear the response from Faculty Council.
- The Chancellor will begin re-examining the budgets because of items before the legislature.
- The UNC Strategic Plan was also discussed. Of note, Dr. Smith reported is assessment and e-learning.
- The Chancellor also discussed budgetary issues for next academic year. Of concern for students is the increase in tuition. The state approved a 6½% increase but the Chancellor is looking to cap tuition increases at 4%.

j. Important Dates (*Dr. Sherry*):

- Dr. Sherry noted the following important dates:
 April 9: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm, Academic Affairs Reception honoring Mary Lynne Calhoun's retirement, Robinson Hall
 April 22: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, Cato Teaching Discovery Mural Dedication with tented reception
 May 3: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, SPCD Dinner honoring Nancy Cooke's retirement, University City Hilton
 May 10: 11:00 am-1:00 pm, COED Celebration of Mary Lynne Calhoun's career at UNC Charlotte, Atrium
 TBA: SPCD luncheon for Mary Lynne's retirement

3. Action Items:

- There were no action items

4. Open Agenda:

- There were no open agenda items. Thank you to Gloria, Vivian, Chris and Wendy for lunch.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

(Next departmental meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 12:30, COED 103)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Stasiewski.