

Minutes

College of Education Faculty/Staff Meeting

Friday, April 24, 2009

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Goudes Lecture Hall

Attendees: Karen Algozzine, Robert Algozzine, Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell, Joshua Avery, Valerie Balog, Lonnie Bateman, Louise Baucom, James Bird, Bertie Billups, Keonya Booker, Joyce Brigman, Diane Browder, Mary Lynne Calhoun, Peggy Ceballos, Marvin Chapman, Ed Conway, Nancy Cooke, Rosslyn Crandell, Micki Crowder, Myra Dietz, Meredith DiPietro, Barbara Edwards, Paul Fitchett, Claudia Flowers, Joyce Frazier, Sherell Fuller, Susan Furr, Susan Gibbs, Crystal Glover, Kathie Goldman, Amy Good, Michael Green, Dawson Hancock, Stephen Hancock, Laura Hart, Richard Hartshorne, Misty Hathcock, Tina Heafner, Catherine Holman, Cynthia Hooper, Charles Hughes, Charles Hutchison, Harold Jaus, Vicki Jaus, Sarah Jordan, Bonnie Keilty, Do-Hong Kim, Scott Kissau, Brian Kissel, Susan Lamorey, Pamela Lassiter, Delores Lee, Jae Lim, Ya-yu Lo, Erica Lugo, Victor Mack, Amanda Macon, Michael Matthews, Melinda McCabe, Ann McColl, Adriana Medina, Kok-Mun Ng, Sam Nixon, Becky O'Brien, Christopher O'Brien, Jeff Passe, Terri Pennell, Theresa Perez, Jack Piel, Paola Pilonieta, Phyllis Post, David Pugalee, Lan Quach, Sarah Ramsey, Clarrice Rapisarda, Susan Rebich, Bob Rickelman, Brenda Romanoff, Spencer Salas, Lee Sherry, Pamela Shue, Fred Spooner, Melba Spooner, Tehia Starker, Emily Stephenson-Green, Katherine Stover, Bruce Taylor, David Test, Jean Vintinner, Shawnee Wakeman, Chuang Wang, Richard White, Greg Wiggan, Patricia Wilkins, Charles Wood, Maria Yon.

1. Call to Order – Dr Calhoun called the meeting to order

- a) Circulation of roster
- b) Approval of Minutes 3-20-09. Jeff Passe made the motion to approve the 3-20-09 minutes, Bob Rickelman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by common consent.

2. Celebrations (I)

- ❖ Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award – *Presented by Barbara Edwards*
This award was presented to Ginger Burris who is in her second year of teaching at Central Elementary in Stanley County. Principal Melissa Smith was also present. This award includes a plaque to be placed on the awards wall in the college and a check for \$1,000.
- ❖ 2009 UNC Charlotte Teaching Fellows Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching – *Presented by Misty Hathcock*
This award, presented annually, was awarded to Dr Sherell Fuller.

3. News of the Community

- With gratitude and admiration, Dr Calhoun thanked everyone for their generosity in the sendoff for Phyllis Griffin after 34 years of service. Your generosity allowed us to present her with gifts of a one year membership to the Y, a gift card to Lowes Home Improvement Center and a gift certificate to the Wine Vault.
- Circumstances are changing for the Southwest Education Alliance. The partnership will continue with an austere plan. Linda O'Neal will retire June 1st and will not be replaced. Staff is employed until June 30th with no positions after that. They will maintain offices for files. Hopefully the Alliance will be able to build back up. The "job alike groups" (e.g., Superintendents, Personnel Directors, etc.) will continue to meet on a

monthly basis. The College will continue to help with organizing those meetings, with the assistance of the Office of Educational Outreach (Victor Mack; Julie Dagenhart.)

- The face of the College of Education is changing:
 - Dr. Jeff Passe has accepted a Department Chair position at Towson State University in Baltimore, Maryland.
 - Dr. David Royster will be leaving us this summer. He has accepted the position of Outreach Professor of Mathematics at the University of Kentucky.
 - Dr Bob Rickelman will move from administration to faculty after 9 years as Chair of Reading and Elementary. “We are grateful for your leadership and excited about what you will bring to us as a faculty member.”
 - Dr. Calhoun recognized Dr. Diane Browder for being awarded the 2009 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal as the university’s outstanding researcher. A video presentation was shown.

4. Budget Update

- Dr. Calhoun provided some details from the past few weeks on what was an allowable expense and what was not. The freeze is only for this fiscal year which ends June 30th. July 1st starts a new year.
- Special Purpose funds, which are state funds, are frozen until June 30th.
- There is now a freeze on positions, unlike the last time that there was a state funding freeze. We have filled 9 out of 11 faculty positions and will continue to recruit for the remaining two. MDSK is without an office manager until July 1st because that position remains frozen until the new fiscal year begins.
- We must avoid inappropriate transfers of purchases from state accounts to grants.
- Hurray to grant writers. Release time from grants comes back to the college and will be used to hire part-time faculty in the coming year.
- Federal sources – Indirect costs – Small percentage of those funds comes back to the departments; these funds can be used during the period of the spending freeze. Thanks again to those grant writers.
- Discretionary Accounts, which come from private giving, are our safety net.
- We are limited on postage and copying.
- There have been modest rescues in the last few days such as the Summer Ventures Program, stipends for Cooperating Teachers, license renewal/annual fee for TK20.
- A philanthropy email was distributed yesterday to alumni and Dr Calhoun extended that invitation to make private gifts to the College to all. She thanked everyone for their grace under pressure.

5. Opportunities

- College of Education Alumni Reunion Day – Saturday, May 2, 2009
Dr Calhoun extended the invitation to the luncheon at the Harris Alumni House
- Commencement: May 9, 2009 10 a.m. *Reception to follow in College atrium lobby*
Encourage your students to attend.
- Faculty Research Seminar: May 11–13
- 15th German-American Faculty Symposium, Ludwigsburg, June 7-12, 2009
Those attending include; Leigh Ausband, John Culbreth, Michael Green, Dawson Hancock, Stephen Hancock, Ya-yu Lo, Chris O’Brien, Bob Rickelman, Emily Stephenson-Green, Ralf Thiede, and Mary Lynne Calhoun.
- Retirement Party / Faculty Talent Show honoring Barbara Edwards: June 3, 2009
Start thinking about what you would like to do. Vicki Jaus will serve as our talent agent.

6. Report of the College of Education Faculty Council

- “Report of Faculty Trends in the College of Education” – Michael Green
The report has been emailed to your inbox.
- Nominations for Alternate, Faculty Executive Committee
This position will fill Warren DiBiase’s term for 1 year. Tina Heafner was nominated and elected.

7. Celebrations (II)

- ❖ Faculty Award for Sustained Service to Public Schools – *Presented by Melba Spooner*
This award for a \$1,000 stipend was presented to Dr. Valerie Balog for her work with Victory Junction which helps families with chronic and terminally ill children.
- ❖ 2009 College of Education Award for Excellence in Research – *Presented by Diane Browder*
This award was presented to Dr. Ya-yu Lo and Dr. Chuang Wang for their article in the Journal of Special Education.
- ❖ 2009 College of Education Award for Excellence in Teaching – *Presented by Hal Jaus*
Dr Jaus presented this award of \$1,000 to Dr. Tina Heafner for her “unbelievable, very heavy, and excellent portfolio.”

8. Other Business?

- Dr. Sherell Fuller reported that one of our graduates, Justin Moorman, was named “CMS Teacher of the Year”.
- Dr. Maria Yon reported that Dr. Rajni Shankar-Brown (Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction, 2008) is receiving the “emerging scholar” award from the American Educational Research Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.