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I. Call to Order

Approval of Minutes:

Myra Dietz motioned for approval of minutes. Rosslyn Crandell seconded approval of minutes.

II. Freedom School

Sherrell Fuller spoke on the Freedom School program. It is a literacy program with a camp feel. She made a personal invitation to all faculty to help with this program. If any of our Middle Grades students need to do summer clinicals, this would be a perfect environment for that to take place. Heather Coffey and Jeanneine Jones are working directly with Sherrell on this program. Please feel free to contact Sherrell directly with any questions.

III. Announcements

- a. Gray's Bookstore will provide snacks at our next department meeting to take place on April 9th.
- b. Gray's Bookstore annual book gift will be given to a rising Junior within the MDSK department. If you know of a student eligible for this award, please let Warren know. The scholarship expires December 20, 2010.
- c. Laura Hart had a conversation with Melba Spooner regarding implementation of a disposition of students prior to their reaching the student teaching stage. We are finding a lot of students who are currently student teaching who should have never made it to this stage due to their dispositions. It was suggested that a committee be formed to collect this disposition data. An introduction course and a methods course half way through were given as good examples of the appropriate time to discern the student's disposition. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement with this sort of implementation.
- IV. Admission of Applicants from Non-Regionally Accredited Institutions The Graduate Council proposed that we drop the requirement that students have to come from an accredited institution in order to be accepted into UNC Charlotte. It was unanimous that we not drop this requirement. Any faculty that felt differently was instructed to contact Jeanneine Jones directly.

V. Strategic Planning

The notes to the strategic planning part of the meeting are indicated in red ink on the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan Template provided separately.

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VI. Committee Reports

- a. Scott Kissau handed out a revised online observation instrument.
- b. UNC Charlotte Faculty Council had nothing to report.
- c. COED Information Technology Advisory had nothing to report.
- d. Library Representative Laura Hart reported that we had no money.
- e. Internationalization Spencer reported that the Peace Corp. would like to offer a Master's Degree to be head up by the Internationalization Program. It would require that the student finish the last part of their degree while in the Peace Corp. Spencer felt that this was a good fit for MDSK.
- VII. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be held April 9th.