

**Special Education and Child Development  
Departmental Meeting  
March 26, 2013**

*In attendance: Baxter, Beattie, Brown, Browder, Campbell-Whatley, Cooke, Correa, Flynn, Jordan, Lamorey, Lo, Matthews, Rebich, Sherry, Smith, Spooner, Wakeman, C. Wood, and W. Wood*

*Guest: Amanda Macon*

*Thank you for flexibility in changing the date for the meeting. Special thanks to SCEC for providing lunch which was underwritten by Drs. Browder, Cooke, and Spooner. This is a fund-raising opportunity for our local chapter of SCEC.*

**1. Call to Order (12:40)**

**a. Approval of Minutes (2/19/13):**

- Dr. Cooke made a motion; seconded by Dr. Beattie, to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2013 faculty meeting as presented. The minutes were approved by common consent.

**2. Information Items**

**a. News of the Community (Dr. Sherry):**

- Dr. Suzanne Lamorey has received a Fulbright Scholarship for 2013-14. She will be studying in India and will leave on July 1, 2013. Deana Murphy has agreed to take on the role of CHFD Program Coordinator in her absence and will assume advising duties as well. Jamie Brown will advise all undergraduate minors.
- Dr. Pam Shue and Ms. Deana Murphy are currently traveling in Italy. They are providing a Reggio Emilia experience for our CHFD students and a partnership with Meredith College.
- Dr. Correa announced that Dr. Cynthia Baughan has accepted offer of assistant professor in CHFD and will be joining the faculty on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**b. UNC Charlotte SCEC Chapter Update (Dr. Flynn, Jessica Pazyk, Shalonda Maldonado):**

- Dr. Flynn introduced Ms. Pazyk, President, and Ms. Maldonado, Vice President of UNC Charlotte's SCEC Chapter
- Ms. Pazyk provided a brief update of Chapter activities.
- Ms. Maldonado discussed upcoming activities and events, including the Backpack Project which is meant to provide books and after school snacks for elementary students; other activities include First in Families and Autism Run.
- Ms. Rebich thanked them for their leadership and volunteering to provide lunch as a fund-raiser.

**c. Planning for Graduation (Amanda Macon):**

- The minor changes in the planning sheets are designed to enhance graduation oriented advising for first time full time freshmen (FTFTFR).
- Changing the name of the form to "Graduation Planning" worksheet encourages students to focus on graduation. Institutional research shows that undergraduates attempt an average of 140.1 hours to graduate versus the 120 required to graduate. Some of these credits may be attributed to transfer hours or to students who change their major.

**d. Roadmap to MTEL: Summer Planning Task Force (Dr. Sherry):**

- Dr. Jan Hinson has worked with the Dean to plan the summer task force. SPCD members are Drs. Beattie, Flynn, C. Wood and Jordan.
- Dr. Sherry discussed the six steps in the preliminary action plan: develop a math content course; require pre-elementary education and pre-special education (general curriculum) students to take MTEL math sub-test; require dual majors to take MTEL before student teaching; prepare on-line modules and resources; change PRAXIS workshops to MTEL workshops; develop a summer remedial course.

**e. Spending Guidelines for the Rest of FY 2012-13 (Dr. Sherry):**

- State budget issues from General Administration may curtail salary adjustments and reduce travel options. We are strongly encouraged to monitor all expenses including office and classroom supplies.
- At this time, we have received no further guidance from University administration.

**f. 2012-13 Annual Faculty Reports Due: April 15, 2013 (Dr. Sherry):**

The Annual Faculty Report formats are located on the College website at <http://education.uncc.edu/faculty-resources/faculty-annual-report-document> . The form is the same as last year's except for the dates, 4/2012 – 4/2013

**g. SACS SLO Annual Reports and Timelines** (*Dr. Sherry*):

- End-of-year SLO reporting is under development. Coordinators are working to plug 2012 data into the report.
- Reports will be updated by mid-April and will be reviewed in each program meeting to examine results and to plan any changes in data collection for the continuous improvement process.

**h. University Faculty Council** (*Drs. Smith and Jordan*):

- The UNC Strategic Plan was approved; however responses and feedback from Faculty Assembly were not incorporated. Implementation needs faculty involvement.
- If you are looking for a way to give back or pay forward, the Faculty Legacy Scholarship has been established to support the scholarship of students.

**i. Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP): Draft Standards: CEC Response** (*Drs. Sherry and Correa*):

- There was brief discussion regarding the name change. The name NCATE will soon be replaced with the new name CAEP. Proposed draft accreditation standards for CAEP were included in the handout provided.
- Dr. Correa discussed CEC's response to the proposed standards. Several concerns have been raised: (1) admissions criteria have been raised to 3.0 GPA; (2) lack of language referring to individuals with exceptionalities and/or disabilities; (3) candidate skills are limited to discipline-specific practices – add pedagogical practices; (4) lack of sufficient options of the “value-added” measures (e.g., edTPA); (5) requirement to report “student loan default rates” by program; (6) candidate retention in the field is required but retention has been a long-standing problem in special education; (7) there is a ranking system that includes an exemplary or “gold” standard for preparation programs; (8) standards refer to “preparation providers” not to institutions of higher education.
- Dr. Correa also reminded faculty members who are attending the CEC Conference in San Antonio to add the TED Business Meeting to their agenda. The TED Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Dr. Sherry there on Thursday. The TED/Pearson Excellence in Teacher Education Award reception will immediately follow the Business Meeting.

**j. College of Education Faculty Council Update** (*Dr. Lo*):

- Dr. Lo discussed the College of Education Dean's Search. She reported that of the 53 applicants, nine were invited for airport interviews; one withdrew and four were selected for campus visits and interviews. The last candidate visits campus on the March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and faculty members are encouraged participate and provide feedback to the Search Committee.
- The Governor's proposed budget was discussed. 1% salary adjustment for state employees is proposed.
- A Faculty Research Incentive has been proposed in the College of Education. The incentive program funds for principal investigators would come from release time funds that revert back to the College. These funds usually support part-time faculty based on faculty course releases.
- Nominations for University Committees will take place at the College of Education Faculty Meeting in April.
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**k. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual CHFD Conference: Playing Around: Using Play as a Focus for Intentional, Collaborative Learning** (*Dr. Brown*)

The Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013, at the UNC Charlotte, Center City Building.

**3. Action Items:**

**a. Faculty Governance: SPCD Nominations: Department Representatives to College Committees (Flipped Schedule)** (*Dr. Sherry*)

- The following nominations were made:
  - COED Faculty Council: Dr. Lindsay Flynn (Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley volunteered to assist in the fall while Dr. Flynn is on medical leave)
  - COED Graduate Curriculum Committee: Dr. Kelly Anderson and Dr. Wendy Wood
  - Department Review Committee: Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley, Dr. Michael Matthews and Dr. JaneDiane Smith
  - Undergraduate Student Awards Committee: Dr. Jamie Brown
  - COED Honors Council: Dr. Michael Matthews
  - University Faculty Council: Dr. Pam Shue, Dr. Shawnee Wakeman and Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley
- A ballot will be prepared and sent electronically

b. **College of Education Representation on University Committees: April Nominations** (*Dr. Sherry*)

- Nominations will be taken for:
  - Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee
  - Faculty Employment Status Committee
  - Faculty Information and Technology Advisory
  - Faculty Research Grants Committee
  - Faculty Welfare Committee
  - Graduate Council
  - University Honors Council

4. **Open Agenda:**

a. **Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)** (*Dr. Jordan*)

- Dr. Jordan requested feedback for ITAC. She reported that ITAC is considering removing overhead projectors. If this is proposal works for you and your teaching, please let Dr. Jordan know.
- In addition, over the past three months only 18 people have used the Faculty Development Lab. ITAC is considering closing the Lab. Concern was raised about the specialized software and scanners housed in that room. Where would they be located in the future?

5. **Adjourn:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

*(Next departmental meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 12:30, COED 103)*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Stasiewski.*