
1. Call to Order – Dr. Calhoun called the meeting to order.
   a. Approval of minutes, 10-17-08 – Dr. Edwards made the motion to approve the 10/17/08 minutes, Dr. Ng seconded the motion. Motion carried by common consent.
   b. Circulation of roster - Dr. Calhoun circulated the roster.

2. Announcements/ Updates/ Opportunities
   - December meeting/holiday lunch: Wednesday, December 10 – A flyer was included with the agenda regarding the December meeting and urged everyone to participate.
   - College of Education Book Fair: today’s the last day!
   - “Big Read of Mecklenburg County:” College of Education engagement? – Dr. Calhoun encouraged faculty to participate in the “Big Read” program from 1/26/08 to 3/6/09. Read “To Kill a Mockingbird” and then discuss it in different ways. Some of the ideas were:
     - Discussions led by youth
     - Start a Book Club, meet monthly and discuss a book of the month
     - Establish an area for trading books
     - Encourage students to read for pleasure
     - Select the movie and have an event to discuss it.
   Dean Calhoun will work with Vicki Jaus and other volunteers to create a “Big Read” event for the College in February.
   Jack Culbreth will organize a “book trading” site.
   - North Carolina budget update: Implications for the College – The Dean has been advised that the State is asking for a 4% reversion from UNC Charlotte, which is being covered by enrollment growth money at this time. At this time the Dean will not be able to provide supplemental funds to the Departments and asked all to be prudent about expenses in the coming year.

3. Course Evaluations: Issues/ Concerns ~ Barbara Edwards gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding the process of course evaluations and concerns of reporting. Ways to correct the concerns were also presented. Dr. Edwards distributed the presentation to the College via email and encouraged all to share the information with part-time instructors.
The new Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation: Opportunities for faculty involvement ~ Dawson Hancock and Rich Lambert – presented the Center through a Powerpoint presentation. This included how it will operate and what projects are in the works. The link to the Center is as follows: http://education.uncc.edu/ceme/

4. Call for Nominations: College of Education Faculty Awards – The following handouts were discussed for nominations and applications to the following awards:
   - Annual Award for Excellence in Research
   - Sustained Service to Public Schools
   - Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching
   - Bank of America Junior Faculty Fellowships – early childhood reading research
   
   Links to the nomination/ application forms can be found at the College’s homepage under “Faculty Awards.”

5. Announcing search for Associate Dean – Dr. Calhoun presented the job description and announcement for the internal search for the Associate Dean. Dr. Edwards will be retiring 6/30/09. If anyone is interested they should discuss it with the Dean within the next two weeks. After that discussion if there is still interest, then a vita should be submitted along with a letter of application for consideration. The replacement will be announced so that the Associate Dean designee can work with Dr. Edwards during the spring semester.

6. Other Business – No further business

7. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

   The next meeting is Wednesday, December 10, 2008.