
1. Call to Order: Dr. Sherry called the meeting to order.
   
a. Approval of Minutes (10/19/10): Dr. Cooke moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Rebich seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by common consent.

Lunch today was provided by Ya-yu Lo, Shawnee Wakeman, Sue Rebich and Susan Gibbs.

2. Information Items
   
a. Graduate Council: GPA Discussion: Dr. Sherry reported that the Graduate School staff initiated a discussion to change the GPA for graduate admission requirements, university-wide to 3.0. He wanted everyone to be aware of this since it will affect the College of Education.

b. College of Education Honors Council: Status: Dr. Sherry reported that the committee will be reconvened shortly. They will be selecting a new chair, and looking for a new member to replace Dr. Yon who will be retiring this year. He asked that the faculty start thinking about students in our department that might be nominated for the Honor’s Program.

c. 2010-11 Budget Update: Dr. Sherry reported that the department has received $4,212 from last summer’s revenue which will be added to our travel budget. There will be funds for the Freedom Schools Program next summer which will be here on campus again. There is also a possibility that it will be expanded. There will be part-time faculty money and Ludwigsburg can be funded as well. One-time funds for TK20 will be shifted to Task Stream. There may be a 5 to 10% reduction in the university budget but that has yet to be determined. Significant budget cuts could close a whole UNC campus. It has been projected that there could be a 3.2 to 3.5 billion dollar shortfall in the budget and the federal stimulus dollars will be ending. We are not anticipating a budget freeze at this time but to be on the safe side, make your travel arrangements as soon as possible.

d. Assistant Professor in SPED Search: Update – Dr. Sherry reported the search committee will be meeting on the 15th. There are currently 21 applicants. There was an opportunity at the TED Conference for those who were seeking applicants for recruitment – a flyer with the position description was placed in each participant’s packet. Drs. Jordan, O’Brien, Sherry and Spooner were there to recruit. They were given 50 minutes to conduct interviews in which 11 potential applicants participated.

e. SPED Program Revisioning Update: Dr. Baxter stated that they are working on Evidence 6 and will meet at 2:00 today. Next meeting will be the program review of SACS.

f. Library Departmental Representative Update: Dr. Lara-Cinisomo reported the requests have been turned in to the Library and based on her calculations; she believes that most of the items on the wish list will be received. Due to a work overload in the Library, it may take longer than usual for all the orders to be placed.

g. 2011 Summer Schedule: Dr. Sherry reported that Ken Burrows, who has managed the summer programs for years, retired this September and Connie Martin, Executive Director of Extended Academic Programs, will be filling in for him during the search for the Director of Credit Programs position. Our summer school salary requests were submitted last week. Dr. Martin has questions that need to be addressed. Dr. Browder stressed that she did not want doctoral students interfering with any faculty member’s desire to teach during the summer.

h. 2011 Summer Salaries: Dr. Sherry reported that beginning in 2011, summer pay will be paid for first summer on June 30th and July 15th. Second summer will be paid July 31st and August 15th.
i. **University Faculty Council:** Dr. Anderson reported that the budget was discussed and there may be tough times ahead. The Chancellor urged colleges and departments to come to the next budget convocation so that everyone knows what lies ahead.

j. **College of Education Campaign:** Dr. Sherry stated that 15,000 alumni have been contacted seeking gifts for the 40th anniversary. A new website will soon be available called LookingForward.uncc.edu. There will be a birthday party in Gaston County on Thursday and everyone is invited to attend.

k. **Ph.D. Program Celebration of Success:** Fred Spooner and Melissa Hudson gave a PowerPoint overview of our Ph.D. program since its beginning in 2001. This was presented at the TED Conference last week.

l. **49er Rebound Program:** Dr. Sherry reported that this is a new program that the University implemented to assist undergraduates who may have cumulative GPA below 2.0 for two semesters. It is primarily a freshman retention program. There has been discussion that the General Assembly may begin funding on retention and graduation rates so there is a need to improve retention rate. Students who fall below will be required to enroll in the 49er Rebound Program. There will be three options: Academic Success Seminar, Student Attains Success (peer mentoring program), or a Peak Performance Program which will be located within each of the Colleges. College of Education will have 13 of these students but TEAL will work with them and develop contracts with the students. Concern was expressed that those students who have drug, alcohol or social problems were not being addressed in this process.

m. **Progressive Lunch, Thursday, December 9:** Dr. Sherry reminded faculty members to contact Chris O’Brien to sign up.

n. **Holiday Gathering – Saturday, December 4:** Dr. Sherry stated that there will be a holiday gathering at his home on December 4th. An evite will be coming shortly.

3. **Action Items:**
   a. **Recommendation:** **Professor Emeritus: Richard White:** The DRC has recommended Dr. White for Professor Emeritus.

4. **Open Agenda:** Dr. Sherry asked the faculty if there were any other items to discuss. None were noted.

5. **Adjourn:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:45.