

Members Present: Deans Duke, Edwards, Harbinson, Huntley; Senior Associate Dean Johnson; Associate Dean Holly Hirst and Drs. Harris, Jeffrey Hirst, Hoepfl, James, Kernodle, Mamlin, Utter.

Visitors/Invited Guests: Dr. Richard Henson (Arts & Sciences- present for Dr. Robert Lyman), Dr. Dennis Grady (Chair of Graduate Education Task Force), Ms. Jenny Ware (Registrar's Office- present for Mr. Don Rankins) and Ms. Janice Voss (Administrative Assistant - Graduate Studies and Research)

Members Absent: Deans Estep (excused) Lyman (excused); Drs. Burwell (excused), Jackson (excused), McBride (excused), Olson (excused), Parrott (excused), Tashakkori (excused), Williams (excused), Witmer (excused), Mr. Rankins (excused) and Ms. Thomas (excused).

1. The October meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dr. Edelma Huntley in 387 John Thomas Hall.
2. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the September 19, 2005 meeting. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
3. **Reports/Announcements**

3.1 Dr. Holly Hirst presented the report from Graduate Studies.

- ❖ A summary of the report was distributed. The summary included: an update on recruiting, the diversity fellows program timeline, and the proposed review of policies and procedures for items such as the handling of program of study forms, admission to candidacy forms, thesis/dissertation committee and prospectus in relation to registering for thesis hours, what constitutes an acceptable thesis or dissertation defense, requirements for limits on transfer hours, timing and frequency of bulletin changes and effective dates for graduate courses and programs, review of applicant status, and time limits on late adds for graduate courses.

3.2 Dr. Robert Johnson gave the Research and Sponsored Programs report:

- Dr. Johnson presented the submission and award reports from the YTD Analysis for fiscal year 2005-2006 from July thru September to all Graduate Council members present. Visit the following link to view the information provided by these reports: <http://www.appstate.edu/orsp/proposal/awards/>

3.3 Dr. Huntley presented the Dean's report:

- Dr. Huntley introduced the Graduate School and Research's new Administrative Secretary/Office Manager, Janice Voss.
- The early fall issue of the Graduate Studies & Research Newsletter is up on the web, <http://www.graduate.appstate.edu/news/>. Dr. Huntley requested feedback to make the Newsletter a better source of information and tool for the readers.
- 2 committees have been formed:
 1. The RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research) committee will discuss a program for training graduate students.
 2. The McNair Committee will put together a proposal on recruiting under-represented groups including minority students, 1st generation students, and students below the poverty level.

- The Applied Physics PSM committee members will meet with its advisory board in December to discuss the final touches of the curriculum.
- A copy of the Graduate Council by-laws was found and distributed to all members present. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

3.4 Dr. Dennis Grady, Chair of the Graduate Education Taskforce, was present to discuss and answer any questions regarding the taskforce. The taskforce was appointed by the Provost to make general recommendations on graduate education at Appalachian. The committee will not be evaluating specific programs. He handed out a copy of the website:

- <http://www.ardi.appstate.edu/graduateeducation/>
- The site is a source of information regarding the Taskforce minutes, ability to submit feedback, background information, activity schedule and a list of those who are members, broken into three subcommittees each having a specific focus within the taskforce (Please note that Alan Utter has been replaced by Chuck Dumke in the Program Resource Subcommittee and Holly Hirst has been replaced by Gary Walker).

4. New Business/Proposals

4.1 Proposals

A. College of Education

The Department of Language, Reading and Exceptionalities had 6 proposals.
Dr. Nancy Mamlin presented the proposals.

LRE-2 Effective date: Spring 2006

Change the MA degree, Special Education: Cross-Categorical (495A) from a major with no concentration to MA in Special Education (476) with concentrations: Intellectual Disabilities (Mental Retardation) (476B), Learning Disabilities (476C), and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (476D).

New requirements from the NC DPI eliminated cross-categorical as a licensure area in special education. The requested change in our current MA degree will align our MA program with the state approved licensure areas of mentally handicapped, learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders.

LRE-3 Effective date: Spring 2006

Add SPE 5210: Psychoeducational Approaches to Emotional/Behavioral Disorders / (3).F. to the Graduate bulletin and as a requirement in the Graduate concentration of Special Education: Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (476D)

New requirements from the NC DPI eliminated cross-categorical as a licensure area in special education. The requested change will align our MA program with the state approved licensure area emotional/behavioral disorders.

LRE-4 Effective date: Spring 2006

Add SPE 5220: Characteristics, Assessment, and Identification of Individuals with Learning Disabilities /(3).F. to the Graduate bulletin and as a requirement in the Graduate concentration of Special Education: Learning Disabilities (476C)

New requirements from the NC DPI eliminated cross-categorical as a licensure area in special education. The requested change will align our MA program with the state approved licensure area emotional/behavioral disorders.

LRE-5 Effective date: Spring 2006

Add SPE 5230: Assessment, and Instruction of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities/(3).F. to the Graduate bulletin and as a requirement in the Graduate concentration of Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities (Mental Retardation) (476B)

New requirements from the NC DPI eliminated cross-categorical as a licensure area in special education. The requested change will align our MA program with the state approved licensure area of Intellectual Disabilities (Mental Retardation).

LRE-6 Effective date: Spring 2006

Add SPE 5030: Research Informing Practice in Special education/(3).F. to the Graduate bulletin and as a requirement in the Graduate concentration of Intellectual Disabilities (Mental Retardation) (476B), Learning Disabilities (476C), and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (476D)

New requirements from the NC DPI eliminated cross-categorical as a licensure area in special education. New requirements from the NC DPI include a more focused program of study and competencies in each area of special education.

LRE-7 Effective date: Spring 2006

Change the title and/or description of the following courses:

- ✓ SPE 5626: Advanced Studies in Mental Retardation/(3).S. to SPE 5626: Advanced Studies in Intellectual Disabilities/(3).S. and change the course description.
- ✓ SPE 5584: Leadership and Professional Development/(3).F. to SPE5584: Special Education Law and Leadership/(3).F. and change the course description.
- ✓ SPE 5640: Longitudinal Planning: Transition to Adulthood and Secondary Special Education/(3).F. to SPE5640: Individualized Planning at the Secondary Level/(3).F.
- ✓ SPE 5630: Collaboration and Curriculum/(3).S. to SPE 5630: Collaboration and Advocacy / (3).F. and change the course description.
- ✓ SPE 5636: Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities/(3).F. Change the course description.
- ✓ SPE 5636: Advanced Studies in Learning Disabilities/(3).F. Change the course description.
- ✓ SPE 5646: Advanced Studies in Educational/Behavioral Disorders/(3).S. Change the course description.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposals. The motion to accept carried unanimously.

5. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

6. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in 387 John Thomas Hall.

Note: The November meeting was rescheduled from its original scheduled time, November 21, 2005.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted to the Graduate Council by
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