Present: Dougherty, Carpenter, Claxton, Allan, Tyson-Lofquist, Bloom, McCreary, McCord, McFadden, Freeman.

Guests: Mr. Freeman Owle – Elder in Residence
Mistie Bibbie – Residential Living
Sarah Park – Residential Living

Mr. Freeman Owle – Mr. Owle described his position as a resource to students, faculty and staff. He is a graduate of Western’s teacher education programs. He is also a storyteller and artist. He volunteered to make himself available to speak to classes, to help faculty and students connect to Cherokee, and anything else that may be helpful. He left contact information. The best way to contact him currently is to call his cell phone. He stated that he will soon be on Outlook.

Ms. Mistie Bibbie and Ms. Sarah Park – Mistie and Sarah spoke to the committee about the possibility of an education learning community that would be housed on the same floor in one of the residence halls. They said they were thinking of the residence hall currently under construction near The Village. They noticed that there were several women in elementary and special education that might be interested. The committee members asked questions and it was suggested that Mistie and Sarah conduct a survey to systematically determine the level of interest among education students and to communicate back to the committee.

Jamaica – Michael talked about programs in Jamaica and other international sites and discussed with the committee the need to keep track of what courses are taught and instructors ahead of time. Issues include distribution of resources and maintaining control over instruction in Cullowhee and abroad. The primary issue is appropriate deployment of faculty. The CEAP associate dean and Distance Learning associate dean will communicate regarding the schedules for international programs. Dale will forward the information to appropriate department heads who will determine teaching assignments and Dale will give that information to Malcolm Loughlin.

Recruitment Postcards – Michael distributed new recruiting postcards for teacher education and asked committee members to brainstorm uses. He emphasized making full use of the postcards. Some uses were to provide a supply to the Teacher Recruiter at WRESA, to supply Lynn Milner, to give to Lena Richie for use with Teacher Cadet programs, to make available to faculty, to make available at internship receptions and to distribute to participants in Upward Bound on campus. Another suggestion was to use the Math-Science Network to distribute postcards.

Peak Performers Update – Department heads provided an update about nominees for each department. A couple of departments had meetings still to come to decide on nominees.

Department Heads Meeting with Provost – David Claxton asked committee members to identify issues that should be brought forward at department heads’ meeting with Provost Carter. Issues identified were advising, budget, class scheduling process, and online vs resident credit in Asheville.
Diversity Portfolio Update – Greta Freeman shared an update of the work of a diversity subcommittee to develop a diversity log. At this point the work is preliminary but several ideas have been shared and ideas are about ready to put forth for feedback.

Report and Recommendations from the State Board of Education Teacher Retention Task Force – Dale Carpenter shared recommendations that are scheduled to go to State Board of Education.

DPI Program Approval Training Opportunities – Dale relayed dates for program faculty who will undergo an accreditation visit from DPI. Michael asked committee to encourage faculty to attend one of these Institutional Readiness One-Day Workshops. Beth Tyson-Lofquist emphasized the quality of the earlier workshop she attended. Dale also shared the three-day training for those willing to serve on site visit teams. This training is paid for by DPI. Discussion again included the usefulness of the training and making visits to other institutions on program approval teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Dale Carpenter for
Barbara Chapman
Recording Secretary

CC John Bardo, Chancellor
Kyle Carter, Provost