Members Present: Anderson-Ruff, Bricker, Binkley, Butcher, Cannon, Carpenter, Carter, Catley, Coone, Corbin, Corzine, Franklin, Gastle, Gilman, Holt, Ivey, Jorissen, Kantz, McCreary, Nickles, Norris, Oren, Schade, Schallock, Steiner, Stewart, Troy, Unruh

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Dale Carpenter welcomed everyone to the first spring meeting of the Council and introduced new Council member Brian Gastle from the Graduate School who is replacing Gibbs Knotts and announced that Kimberly Crawford will be taking Bill Ogletree’s place representing Communication Science Disorders.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

The dean was away on other business and not present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

III. Chair’s Report

A. Changes

Dale shared that there have been changes in TaskStream for both undergraduate and graduate students, advising and developing of programs for licensure only lateral entry programs, and keeping track of programs for assessment purposes by program coordinators.

B. Barriers and Standards

There are major decisions to be made in the future because of State Board of Education standard changes, i.e. removing some requirements because they are considered barriers rather than standards. The State, therefore, may no longer require things that are required by NCATE. For example, the State has removed the Praxis II testing requirement except for elementary and exceptional children majors. It is possible to be accredited without the Praxis II data; however, we need to make decisions on how we will also meet NCATE standards. Dale asked coordinators to begin thinking about re-examining their program and specific requirements, e.g. GPA.

IV. Information

A. Admissions - none
B. Curriculum – none
C. Appeals – none
D. Policy and Procedures – see Bylaws New Business

E. Field Experiences

Dale explained the Liability and Insurance Statement for Interns and Student Teachers policy that was previously distributed to the Council required no further action and was for informational purposes. Ken Hunt added State statutes, per Council’s previous recommendation, and the policy will be added to the Teacher Education Handbook. It was also suggested that copies be made available to county school system officers and administrators.

F. Assessment

Renee distributed spring and fall 2007 teacher candidate and host teacher early field experience assessment data. Overall, students were rated at or above standard. Some percentages are smaller in the fall; however, she will be looking at new trend data over time. There was discussion about leadership vs. initiative, how to interpret, and adding a leadership component to evaluate in the field experience evaluation.
G. Technology

Both Lee Nickles and Janice Holt shared information about managing data. Lee shared the improvements to TaskStream that include new portfolios for undergraduates and the addition of BK programs; tightened access and security; master’s program requirements; on-line help site; new demographics program; videos for distance education students; and workshops. He also announced that cooperating teachers will get access codes mid-March via mail and email. Lee also shared his proposal for the formation of a CEAP Task Force on the Teacher Education Candidate Tracking Infrastructure, approved by Leadership Council, for managing student data and selecting a unified electronic means of accessing and interacting with the tracking data on these students. Task Force members would include Lee, Ken Hunt, Linda Raxter, Renee Corbin, Barbara Schade, Rachel Wike, 3 faculty members selected by department heads, and a representative of IT services to be determined.

Janice distributed handouts and explained the new process for managing and tracking alternative entry licensure-only and NC Teach pathways to licensure. Those candidates seeking alternative licensure programs should contact Rachel Wike [227.3695; rwike@email.wcu.edu] and complete an eligibility and pre-evaluation form found at http://ceap.wcu.edu/ncteacheval.html.

V. New and Previous Business

A. ByLaws - Revisions

Dale reviewed a previous report by Catherine Carter regarding bylaw changes to streamline the curriculum proposal process. Motion and second to approve the ByLaws changes. Motion passed.

B. Revising Teacher Education Task Force Elections

The 2007-2009 Teacher Education Task Force will assist faculty in undergraduate teacher education programs to develop programs that clearly address new NC Teaching Standards developed by the NC Professional Teaching Standards Commission and adopted by the NC State Board of Education (9/6/07). Dale distributed a task force members list of college appointments which happened to include some Council members. The PEC is responsible for appointing six PEC members to include at least one undergraduate student, one P-12 teacher, and one P-12 executive. To that end, Dale distributed a ballot sheet and called for nominations. Ruth nominated Janice Holt who accepted the nomination. Undergraduate students Lindsey Godwin and Ashley Ross were nominated. Additional nominees who accepted are P-12 teacher Melissa Cabe, P-12 Executive Kathryn Kanz, and CEAP faculty member Bob Beaudet. Motion and second to appoint Melissa Cabe, Kathryn Kanz, Bob Beaudet, and Janice Holt to serve on the Task Force on Revising Teacher Education. Motion passed. Motion and second to appoint Lindsey Godwin and Ashley Ross pending their willingness to serve. Motion passed.

Because of time limitations resulting from an ambitious agenda, discussion of New Business item Schedule to Review Conceptual Framework and Program Share by Special Education will be moved to the next Council meeting.

The Council adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schade
PEC Secretary