Members Present: Anderson-Ruff, Beaudet, Bernhardt, Binkley, Butcher, Cannon, Carpenter, Carter, Catley, Coone, Corzine, Dougherty, Gilman, Honeycutt, Jacobs, McCreary, Nickles, Schade, Schallock, Steiner, Stewart, Troy, Unruh

Axelle Faughn attended on behalf of Kathy Ivey.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Dale Carpenter welcomed new council member Regis Gilman, Educational Outreach.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

Dean Dougherty thanked the Council for their fine efforts leading to the successful accreditation visit. There are six NCATE standards and twelve NCDPI standards for each program at each level and there were no recommendations for any standard and any level. With our assessment system, diversity efforts, outreach, quality students, and school partners we will continue to do well in the future. The dean next discussed Teacher Recruitment Plans. Each NC Teacher Education program is required to have a plan that allows the university to recruit more students into the teacher education program. There is $48,000 per year for four years to implement an action plan. Kim Elliott’s position has been revised to include Teacher Education Recruitment. Western Carolina University is the 6th largest producer of teachers with East Carolina University having the largest number. Finally, Dean Dougherty requested that members of the council reserve January 18, 2007 for a celebratory dinner at the Grove Park Inn to recognize CEAP for receiving the Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education from the American Associate of State Colleges and Universities.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 25, 2007 were approved.

III. Chair’s Report

A. Accreditation Report

Dale shared that there are no official reports yet. However, the teams were very complimentary of all.

B. Graduate Program TaskStream Policy

Dale reviewed the policy for graduate students regarding TaskStream beginning spring 2008 semester and provided the Council with the web address http://www.ceap.wcu.edu/coulter/webtech/graduatepolicy.htm and handout for more detailed information.

IV. Information

A. Admissions

Barbara Schade presented 109 Licensure-Only and MAT candidates for the Council’s consideration and approval. The Council voted to fully admit 107 applicants into the program with the remaining two applicants needing a 3.0 on their first 12 semesters in order to be admitted. A few members suggested that in the future, admission information for the Council not list a candidate’s specific admission information (i.e. student identification number, GPA, etc.) but rather just met/not met.

B. Curriculum – None
C. Appeals – none
D. Policy and Procedures

Catherine Carter reported on the meeting the Policy and Procedures Committee had with the Curriculum subcommittee regarding bylaw changes to streamline the process. Catherine will send the proposed revisions to the council for action at the next meeting.

E. Field Experiences - none
F. Assessment - none
G. Technology - None

V. New Business

A. Interviews for LOP/MAT students

Dale reviewed the background and motion passed by the Council in April 2007 to have all Licensure Only Program (LOP) candidates participate in an interview before being admitted into the teacher education program. Details of each department’s implementation plan are to be sent to Dale. It was proposed that Dale send out an email asking programs to develop a plan for interviewing all applicants for the Licensure Only Program and to send them to Dale by a specific date. Dale offered to include some possibilities for interviewing LOP applicants in that request.

B. Revision of Teacher Education Program

Dale distributed the state’s proposed timeline and noted that the due date to DPI for reports on the revisioned programs has been changed from December 2008 to June 30, 2009. The Teacher Education Revision Task Force will be composed of 12 members and include at least one undergraduate student, one P-12 teacher, and one P-12 executive. The Dean of CEAP will appoint a person to chair the Task Force and two other members. The Dean of A&S will appoint two members and the Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts will appoint one member. The remaining six members of the Task Force will be selected by the Professional Education Council. Dale shared that the Leadership Council would like the PEC’s thoughts on how this will affect undergraduate programs. More evidences will be submitted electronically so we’re in good shape. If you have any comments, particularly about the composition of the Task Force, Dale requested that you email him.

Dale apologized for needing to leave for class in Asheville and turned the meeting over to Jacque Jacobs.

V. Other

Dawn Cannon shared a situation involving our students in the schools. Interns are posting pictures of their classroom students on the web, causing concern from both teachers and parents. Other than FERPA, no one could point to a current policy addressing this issue. Council agreed that such postings were not appropriate and suggested that the concern be brought before Leadership Council and Field Experience to determine how the situation should be handled and for policy development.

VI. Program Share

Jacque Jacobs, Educational Leadership and Foundations, distributed a handout and shared the history, current status, and future development of the MSA and principal add-on for school executives.

The Council adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schade
PEC Secretary