western’s board of trustees reviewed a plan to create two new colleges — one focusing on the arts and one on health professions — as part of a revamped organizational structure designed to support the strategic plan, improve service to students and make better use of university resources.

under the plan, which will come back to the trustees for final approval in september, programs in music, art, broadcasting, motion pictures, theatre and dance will be split from the existing college of arts and sciences to form the college of fine and performing arts. the new college also will include the interior design program, now housed in the college of applied sciences.

the college of applied sciences will be reorganized into two units — a new college for health and human sciences programs, and the existing kimmel school of construction management, engineering and technology, which will be headed by a dean reporting directly to the provost.

the health and human sciences college, yet to be given a formal name, will include nursing, physical therapy, applied criminology and social work from the college of applied sciences, and will incorporate communication sciences and disorders from the existing college of education and allied professions.

other changes include the relocation of screenwriting from the department of english to a new school of broadcasting and motion pictures within the college of fine and performing arts, which also will house a school of art and design and a school of music. embedded within the college of health and human sciences will be a school of nursing and a school of health sciences. each school will be headed by a director, who reports to a dean.

the college of business will become the new home for the sport management program, currently housed in the department of health and human performance within the college of education and allied professions, and for the public relations program, now a part of the department of communications in the college of arts and sciences.

the department of psychology will remain in the college of education and allied professions for now, said wcu provost kyle carter in presenting the first reading of the reorganization plan to the trustees friday, june 2. “in the fall, i will respond to the chancellor’s directive to review the psychology department and examine whether we should consider keeping school and educational psychology in its existing college and moving the other psychology programs to another college,” he said.

Newton Smith, associate professor of English, is turning over the gavel of the chair of the WCU Faculty Senate to Richard Beam, associate professor of theatre arts, effective July 1.

also elected to leadership positions on the faculty senate are sheila chapman, assistant professor of nursing, as vice chair, and laura cruz, assistant professor of history, as secretary.

Newly elected members of the Faculty Senate are Lydia Aydlett, assistant professor of psychology; Philip “Ted” Coyle, associate professor of anthropology and sociology; David Dorondo, associate professor of history; Casey Hurley, professor of educational leadership and foundations; Marylou Matoush, assistant professor of birth-kindergarten, elementary and middle grades education; Sharon Metcalfe, assistant professor of nursing; Sean O’Connell, assistant professor of biology; Krista Schmidt, assistant professor/reference librarian; and Lori Seischab, assistant professor of biology.

Patricia Bailey, associate professor of art, and Barbara Bell, assistant professor/director of the Reading Center, were named co-chairs of the faculty affairs council. Chair positions for the academic policy and review council and the collegial review council will be appointed in the fall.

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Windfall Leads To Staff Scholarships

The board of trustees unanimously agreed at its quarterly meeting Friday, June 2, to convert a stock windfall of nearly $1 million into a new endowed scholarship fund designed to benefit university employees and their family members who choose to attend WCU.

The money is the result of the reorganization of a company that, until 2001, provided voluntary life insurance to WCU employees. When that company (Prudential) changed from a mutual insurance company to a stock company, the university as a customer became the beneficiary of stock equal to the value of the business relationship – which is now about $930,000.

“We were looking at the best opportunity to use that money to benefit our employees,” Chuck Wooten, vice chancellor for administration and finance, told the board in recommending approval of the new fund.

Interest earned from the endowed scholarship fund approved by the trustees will provide nearly $42,000 a year in financial assistance to full-time WCU employees and members of their immediate families, with the amount of scholarship assistance expected to grow as the fund accrues additional interest over time, Wooten said.

Details of the scholarship fund will be finalized by the trustees and its endowment board.

Steve Warren, chairman of the board of trustees who has been a vocal advocate of WCU staff members, called the windfall and the decision to use it to establish a scholarship fund to benefit employees and their families, “fortuitous and wonderful.”

Annual Water Quality Report Available

This is one test everyone associated with Western Carolina University will be glad to hear was passed with flying colors. The drinking water on the WCU campus once again has exceeded all state and federal standards, according to the results of an annual report examining the quality of water.

Complete reports detailing the quality of drinking water on the WCU campus and the quality of the university’s wastewater collection system may be found on the Web at http://admfin.wcu.edu/plant/test/reports.htm.
June 2006 Calendar

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 16
Camp—“Art Around the World.” $. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC. (227-3688)

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 16
Camp—“Regional Reptiles.” 2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-129)

Mon., June 12–Fri., June 16
Tiny Tot Swim Program—ages 6 months–5 years. $. 8:15–17 p.m. Pool. Breese Gym. (227-7397)

Wed., June 14
Web and audio conference—“Facebook on Campus: Understanding the Issues.” 1–2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-2734)

Sat., June 17
Catamount Scholarship Auction $. (227-7079)

Sun., June 18–Tue., June 20
Camp—girls’ individual basketball camp, grades 4–12. $. RRAC (227-211)

Sun., June 18–Wed., June 21
Camp—track & field individual event. $. CAC. (227-2027)

Sun., June 18
Gallery talk—“Collections in Focus: Martin DeWitt’s Five Myths of the Art World.” 2 p.m. Fine Art Museum, FAPAC. (227-3591)

Spring into Summer—“Regional Reptiles.” 2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-129)

Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—“War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II” (musical cabaret). $. 3 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2470)

Mon., June 19–Wed., June 21
Concert—Mountain Dulcimer Week muscians. 7:30 p.m. HA. (227-7397)

Mon., June 19–Thu., June 22
Camp—youth softball all skills, grades K–7. $. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC. (227-2532)

Mon., June 19–Fri., June 23
Camp—“Mountain Mysteries,” rising fourth and fifth graders. 8:30 a.m.–noon. MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., June 19
Summer Concerts at the UC—Alex Florez. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Wed., June 21–Sat., June 24
Camp—boys’ basketball camp, high school and AAA teams. $. RRAC. (227-2020)

Thu., June 22
Service Booster Thursday—“Advanced Customer Communications.” Registration required. 2:30–3:30 p.m. Room 203, Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—The Cassidy Brothers. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., June 23–Sat., June 24
Summer Movies at the UC—“Glory Road” (PG). $. Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Sat., June 24–Sun., June 25
Camp—girls’ basketball camp, high school and AAA teams. $. RRAC. (227-211)

Sun., June 25
Crafts at the Center—“Shaker Boxes.” 2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., June 26–Tue., June 27
Camp—softball pitching and catching, grades K–12. $. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC. (227-2532)

Mon., June 26–Thu., June 29
Day camp—boys’ basketball camp, grades four–12. $. 9 a.m.–1 p.m. RRAC. (227-2020)

Mon., June 26–Fri., June 30
Cullowhee Creativity Camp—rising first- to eighth-graders. $. Killian Building. (227-7310)

Mon., June 26
Summer Concerts at the UC—Del Suggs. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Wed., June 28–Thu., June 29
Camp—softball advanced hitting, grades 8–12. $. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CSC. (227-2532)

Wed., June 28; Mon., July 10; Thu., July 20
Cat Gathering—share thoughts about all things Western. 2–4 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-3622)

Thu., June 29
Summer Concerts at the UC—Bari Koral. 9 p.m. Atrium, UC. (227-7206)

Sun., July 1
Car show—“Monsters on Mainstreet.” No admission charge; tickets required. RRAC. (227-7677)

Sun., July 2
Gallery talk—information about artists whose works are included in Western’s permanent collection. 2 p.m. Fine Art Museum, FAPAC. (227-3591)

Sizzlin’ Summer Shorts Series—“Mark Twain Tonight!” with Hal Holbrook. $. 3 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2479)

Tue., July 4
Independence Day holiday—no classes.

Thu., July 6
Service Booster Thursday—“Checking for Customer Satisfaction.” Registration required. 2:30–3:30 p.m. Room 203, Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—After Dark. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 7–Sat., July 8
Summer Movies at the UC—“Memoirs of a Geisha” (PG). $. Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Sat., July 8–Sun., July 9
Arts and crafts show—works by more than 90 mountain artisans. $. RRAC. (227-7677)

Sun., July 9–Wed., July 12
Camp—volleyball individual skills, grades 8–12. $. RRAC. (227-7079)

Sun., July 9
Crafts at the Center—“Soap Making.” 2:30–4:30 p.m. MHC. (227-7129)

Mon., July 10–Fri., July 14
Camp—“Eco-Adventures,” natural history camp for rising second- and third-graders. $. 8:30 a.m.–noon. MHC. (227-7129)

Camp—“Community Murals.” Campers work on mural for Jackson County Family Resource Center. $. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC. (227-3688)

Thu., July 13–Sun., July 16
Camp—volleyball camp, high school varsity and junior varsity teams. $. (227-7079)

Thu., July 13
Staff Forum—8:30–10:30 a.m. Cardinal Room, UC. (227-2412)

Service Booster Thursday—“Dealing with the Irrate Customer.” Registration required. 2:30–3:30 p.m. Room 203, Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—Tad Dreis. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 14–Sat., July 15
Summer Movies at the UC—“Field of Dreams” (R). $. Theater, UC. (227-7206)

Sat., July 15–Sun., July 16
AKC Dog Show $. RRAC. (227-7677)

Sun., July 16–Thu., July 20
Conference—“Pride of the Mountains” Marching Band Summer Symposium. (227-7608)

Mon., July 17–Tue., July 18
Camp—“My Buddy and Me.” Parents, grandparents or other adults participate with children to explore art and artists. $. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Room 104, FAPAC. (227-3688)

Wed., July 19
Web and audio conference—“Planning Parent Services That Support Student Development.” 1–2:30 p.m. Room 540, HFR. (227-7234)

Wed., July 19–Sat., July 22
Conference—“Native Plants in the Landscape.” $. RRAC. (227-7397)

Thu., July 20
Web and audio conference—“Campus Risk Management: What Could Possibly Go Wrong Here?” 1–2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-7234)

Service Booster Thursday—“Barriers to Effective Teamwork.” Registration required. 2:30–3:30 p.m. Room 203, Field House.

Summer Concerts at the UC—Ras Boghi Reggae All-Stars. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Fri., July 21–Sat., July 22
Summer Movies at the UC—“Clerks” (R). $. Theater, UC. (227-7206)
Summer Concert Series Continues June 15

The ninth season of WCU’s free Summer Concert Series continues Thursday, June 15, with rock ‘n’ roll band Cooking with Quanta performing at 7 p.m. on the lawn at A.K. Hinds University Center.

Upcoming free concerts include Alex Florez, acoustic pop-rock, June 19, 9 p.m.; the Cassidy Brothers, acoustic folk, June 22, 9 p.m.; Del Suggs, singer-songwriter, June 26, 9 p.m.; Bari Koral, folk, June 29, 9 p.m.; After Dark, Cullowhee’s own funk band, July 6, 7 p.m.; Tad Dries, pop and folksy story songs, July 13, 7 p.m.; Ras Bonghi Reggae All-Stars, July 20, 7 p.m.; and Brooke Campbell, acoustic coffee house rock, July 27, 7 p.m.

Concerts that begin at 7 p.m. will take place on the University Center lawn, and lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Concerts that begin at 9 p.m. will be held in the atrium of the University Center. In case of rain, outdoor concerts move inside.

For additional information, call the University Center offices at (828) 227-7206.

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programs to the College of Arts and Sciences,” Carter said.

Pending approval by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, the new organizational structure would go into effect July 1, 2007.

“This plan is the result of a faculty task force’s analysis of effective organizational structures and multiple campus meetings over the course of a year,” Carter said. “We have a lot of change in front of us, but we believe this restructuring responds to our new strategic plan and allows us to consolidate similar programs, create synergies among faculty members, conserve resources and maximize program visibility for marketing and fundraising.”

The redesign report may be found at http://www.wcu.edu/provost/CollegeStructureReview.htm.

—By Bill Studenc

Staff Forum Elections

Twelve new representatives will join Staff Forum in July after winning election earlier this spring.

New members from the clerical and secretarial category are Tamrick Mull (purchasing) Donna Welch (student affairs) and Lisa Surber (residential living). They join Dawne Coward (administration and finance), who was re-elected to a second two-year term.

Walter Turner (student judicial affairs) won election in the executive/administrative category.

From the maintenance and service category, new members are Kathleen Franks (residential living), Carolyn Parris (residential living), Peter Lloyd (facilities management) and Cale Wilson (facilities management). Tim Inman (residential living), Ronda Byrant (student affairs) and Michaelle Finch (residential living) won election in the professional category.

For information about Staff Forum activities, visit the Web site http://www.wcu.edu/stforum/.