

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Minutes

364th meeting, June 7, 2007

Members Present: Dr. Buffaloe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Owen, Mr. Pantiel, Ms. Sanders, Mr. Smith, Dr. Taylor

Members Absent: Mr. Hayes

Chancellors Present: (ex officio members) Chancellor Bryan, Chancellor Gilchrist, Chancellor Ponder

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Daniels, Mr. Davis, Ms. Gage, Ms. Goodnight, Ms. Goodyear, Mr. Keeber, Ms. Key, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Phillips

Other Chancellors Present: Chancellor Dubois, Chancellor Sullivan

Others Present: Dr. Barlow, Dr. Bell, Ms. Chapman, Dr. Files, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Harrison, Dr. Kanoy, Ms. Killingsworth, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Mabe, Dr. Martin, Mr. Metzler, Ms. Render, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Waldrup, Dr. Williamson

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the UNC General Administration Building.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the May 10, 2007 meeting, it was moved by Mr. Dixon and seconded Mr. Burns, that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

The following items were Administrative Action items (*action by consent*):

Request for authorization to discontinue the following masters degree program:

- Master of Physical Therapy at East Carolina University

Request for authorization to establish the following baccalaureate degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Science at NC State University
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in German Studies at NC State University

Request for authorization to establish the following masters degree programs:

- Master of Science Degree in Applied Gerontology at UNC Wilmington
- Master of Science Degree in Athletic Training at UNC Greensboro

Request for approval of licensure for the following programs:

- Licensure for DeVry University to offer the following degree programs in Charlotte:
 - Associate of Applied Science in Electronics and Computer Technology
 - Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology
 - Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems

Reports for Acceptance:

- Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department Community Colleges and The University of North Carolina
- Pre-Major Agreements for the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (Anthropology, Geography, Special Education)
- School Leadership Supply and Demand Report

Reports for Information:

- Freshmen Performance Report

It was moved by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Owen that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion passed.

Chairman Taylor recognized Dr. Mabe for a discussion on the Report on UNC Production of Teacher Education Graduates and Alternative Completers, 2005-06. There was a special committee of the Board of Governors on the supply and demand for teachers that made a number of recommendations in order to increase the number of teachers being produced by the constituent institutions. An enrollment plan for teacher education with targets for each campus was produced in late 2004. This report is for the first year reported under the plan.

In 2005-06, our campuses produced 2,527 traditional teacher education graduates, and 1,442 alternative completers for a total of 3,969. For traditional graduates that is an increase of 513 or 25.5% over 2002-03, our base year. Alternative completers are those who already have a bachelor's degree and complete the course work necessary to qualify for teacher licensure. The high need areas of mathematics, science, middle grades, and special education are also tracked. There we produced (combining traditional graduates and alternative completers) 227 in mathematic education, 201 in science education, 204 in Middle Grades, and 399 in special education for a total of 1,031 in the high need areas in 2005-06. That was an increase of 157 over the base year of 2002-03 or an 18% increase. Dr. Mabe shared that although this represents progress President Bowles has written to the Chancellors expressing the need of the campuses to do more to produce more teachers. GA has been working to help each campus develop a market-based recruitment plan for teacher education. It is important that the \$1,000,000 we have requested for teacher education recruitment be funded so there will be resources to implement the recruitment plans.

Dr. Martin was recognized to report on nursing at Fayetteville State University. Many have heard news reports about the nursing program at Fayetteville State University. Of 31 students in the senior class of the nursing program, 24 of them did not pass a class and were given an incomplete hence they did not graduate from the program and could not sit for the NCLEX exam to become a Registered Nurse. An exam provided by the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) was embedded in the course and if students did not score at an appropriate level on that text they did not pass the course. Tests such as HESI are widely used in nursing programs to provide diagnostics information and to predict the likelihood that a student will pass the NCLEX exam. In this case it was used as a primary determinate of whether the student passed one of the regular courses the students were required to take. A group of students who were given incompletes secured the services of a lawyer who negotiated with the program on their behalf. The North Carolina Board of Nursing, at its May 18 meeting, postponed considering the FSU program for full approval status and asked FSU to provide evidence it was in compliance with the Board's standards.

General Administration intervened and worked with the program, the chief academic officer and the Chancellor to understand what had occurred and to require a report from the campus regarding what had occurred, what steps would be taken to rectify the situation, to detail what steps were being taken to work with the NC Board of Nursing, and to make improvement in the program for the future.

FSU contracted with an ECU faculty member with experience in preparing students for the NCLEX to offer a course to the students involved that would be graded by that professor and the grade would be accepted by FSU as the appropriate grade for the course in question. If they passed, assuming all the other requirements have been met, they could graduate and proceed to sit for the NCLEX exam. That course began on Monday.

A report from FSU has been delivered to GA, detailing a number of steps being taken to overcome the difficulties experienced in the program recently, and GA will closely monitor the situation at FSU, take additional steps as appropriate, and report back to the Committee in September.

Chairman Taylor recognized Dr. Mabe to discuss the report on the Aviation Initiatives at Elizabeth City State University. Some legislators have expressed an interest in having a report on the status of the initiatives in aviation at Elizabeth City State University. Chancellor Gilchrist and the staff at GA have worked to put together a report that would respond to this request. The program in aviation science is up and running with 18 students enrolled fall 2006 and graduates are finding good positions and good internship opportunities in the industry. ECSU is expecting to be deeded 20 acres at the Aviation Research & Development Park near the regional airport which would provide a basis for future expansion. Other opportunities for future development are outlined in the report.

The motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Burns to accept the Report on Aviation Initiatives at Elizabeth City State University as a helpful summary of aviation initiatives and opportunities at ECSU. Motion passed.

Dr. Mabe described on UNC Wilmington's request to make a single change in their mission statement to reflect Board approval of another doctoral program. The sentence in the mission that now reads, "Graduate programs at the master's level and a doctoral program in marine biology complement the undergraduate curriculum" would now read, if approved, "Graduate programs at the master's level and doctoral programs in marine biology and educational leadership complement the undergraduate curriculum." At its May meeting the Board approved a doctorate in educational leadership for UNCW. This request is for a change to accurately reflect the Board approved status.

The motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Dixon to recommend approval of the revision of UNCW's Mission Statement to reflect Board action. Motion passed.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.