

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Minutes

374th meeting, October 16, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Barringer (phone), Dr. Buffaloe, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farris, Ms. Goodyear, Dr. Key, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pitts

Chancellors Present (ex officio members): Chancellor Dubois, Chancellor Oblinger, Chancellor Ponder

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Davis, Dr. Flood, Ms. Gage, Ms. Goodnight, Mr. Hans, Mr. Hays, Mr. Leatherwood, Dr. Rose man, Dr. Taylor

Others Present: Ms. Chapman, Dr. Jenkins, Ms. Lynch, Dr. Mabe, Dr. Martin, Chancellor Peacock, Dr. Sadler, Ms. Thompson, Dr. Wegner

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in the University Center Cardinal Room of Western Carolina University.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting, it was moved by Mr. Farris and seconded by Mr. Daniels that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

The following item was an Administrative Action item (*action by consent*):

- Request for authorization to establish the following master's degree program:*
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) at North Carolina State University

It was moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda item be approved. Motion carried.

Dr. Mabe gave a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Committee on Education Planning, Policies, and Programs (2007-08) which had been provided for information.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed regulations for implementing the Board's new policy on academic program planning and the proposed policy revisions regarding branch campuses and the regulations to implement the changes if the new policy on branch campuses is approved.

The draft regulations have been circulated widely for campus administrative and faculty comment. The process for review, the information that will be provided the Committee and the roles of the Committee and the Board were all discussed. A common template for all program proposals will provide financial information, the relative need for programs, various priority rankings of proposed programs and other information the Committee will find helpful.

The Committee also reviewed a proposed Board policy for branch campuses and other off-campus sites for delivery of academic degree programs. Branch campuses have been a part of the UNC Tomorrow discussion of various facilities arrangements that might be required to meet the academic program needs of the State. While the Board has a policy on starting a new campus, it does not have a policy on branch campuses. This policy would make clear that the establishment of a branch campus requires Board approval, and that

consideration would be preceded by a study of the need for a branch campus. The proposed new policy would authorize the President to initiate other facilities arrangements compatible with current Board policies and processes. This will be considered for action at a future meeting.

Appalachian State University has proposed to reorganize their current college structure and establish a new College of Health Sciences and Allied Health Professions. The new college will be created by relocating six existing departments: Health, Leisure, and Exercise Science; Nursing; Social Work; Foods and Nutrition; Communication Disorders; and Health Management. These departments together produced 308 graduates in 2007-08.

This college will require an administrative structure and an additional dean to manage the new college. This reorganization seems very plausible and fits well with the UNC Tomorrow initiative to improve the health of our citizens. Bringing the health-related programs together will benefit each of the programs as well as provide a focus for all health-related outreach in the region. The number of departments and programs constitutes a large enough mass to justify having a college structure. The Chancellor and Provost made it clear that this proposal for reorganization is not based on the availability of new resources, although ASU is seeking additional support for the health area.

The motion was made by Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Pitts to accept the request to establish a College of Health Sciences and Allied Health Professions at Appalachian State University and to submit it to the Board of Governors for approval. Motion carried.

The committee heard a report on financial aid given by Dr. Scott Jenkins, Associate VP for Institutional Research & Analysis. General Administration has been developing a reporting format for financial aid and the Committee reviewed the 2005-06 and 2006-07 report. There is much valuable information in this report. It provides, overall and by campus, data on cost of attendance, amount of financial aid received from various sources, net cost, remaining need after grants and scholarships, and debt load of graduates. In addition, the data are broken down by income quintiles of families of dependent students. A final version of this report will be released shortly.

Chairman Dixon adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.