

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Minutes

348th meeting, September 8, 2005

Teleconference Meeting

Member Present: Dr. Taylor

Members by Teleconference: Mr. Norwood, Ms. Owen, Ms. Blank, Mr. Hayes, Dr. Roseman, Mr. Wynne

Members Absent: Ms. Sanders, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Phillips

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Ruffin, Mr. Mills

Others Present: President Broad, Mr. Atkins, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Green, Dr. Howard-Vital, Dr. Kanoy, Dr. Lea, Dr. Mabe, Mrs. Render, Dr. Sadler, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Winner, Dr. Roper, Mr. Prochaska, Dr. Brown, Ms. Hughes, Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Askew

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She noted that this meeting was a teleconference meeting due to Governor Easley's Executive Order regarding fuel conservation.

There being no corrections or additions, it was moved by Mr. Norwood and seconded by Ms. Blank, that the minutes of the August 11, 2005 meeting be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

President Broad gave a brief overview of the UNC Health Care System and introduced Dean Roper for his report on the 2004-2005 UNC Health Care System. The UNC Health Care System is required to prepare an annual report for the Governmental Operations Committee as a result of receiving management flexibility in personnel, purchasing, property, and property construction from the General Assembly. Dean Roper acknowledged the key role that President Broad played in making the case with the legislature for management flexibility for the Health Care System. He reported that in all the designated areas, the Health Care System has used the flexibility to produce significant improvements in operations and cost savings.

For example, in the personnel area, they have completed the third year of their performance-based compensation system. In one year, they were able to reduce the number of traveling nurses (temporary) from 120 to 62, and the number of vacancies was reduced from 300 at the end of FY 04 vs. 175 at the end of 05. They have initiated an educational loan and stipend plan for employees that has increased their competitiveness in seeking new employees.

Purchasing has been able to save over \$2 million in a \$100 million supplies and services contract by switching from one provider to another.

Acquiring property and opening new facilities such as a dermatology clinic have been expedited by their use of management flexibility.

Dean Roper concluded that the UNC Health Care has used management flexibility to increase financial margins while optimizing performance and cost competitiveness, and maintaining quality of care, customer satisfaction, and commitment to academic excellence.

Ms. Owen moved to recommend approval of the report, seconded by Ms. Blank. Motion passed.

Dr. Thompson reported on the Teacher Education/Distance Education Funds. In 2001, the General Assembly approved legislation to provide \$2 million (now at \$1.8 million due to benefit cuts) to support teacher education programs offered through distance education.

The Teacher Education/Distance Education (TE/DE) funding has enabled the 15 UNC teacher education programs to initiate and continue a wide variety of activities that have resulted in increased access to their programs through distance learning (e.g. courses being delivered at off-campus sites) and e-learning (e.g. online or partially online courses). These funds have helped many of the teacher education programs strengthen and expand the partnerships between their campuses and community colleges. Other examples of fund utilization include enhancement of technology at off-campus sites, professional development for faculty involved in the development of online courses, efforts to increase enrollments in teacher education programs, and the purchase of equipment and materials to support faculty in various ways.

Ms. Blank moved to recommend approval of the report, seconded by Mr. Norwood. Motion passed.

Dr. Mabe discussed the Semi-Annual Report on Academic Planning Activities which is presented for information about degree program activities.

The Report on Training, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Graduate Teaching Assistants by Dr. Brown was discussed. Dr. Mabe commented that Dr. Brown discusses in the executive summary of her report a plan to bring a revision of the schedule for presenting the Report on Training, Monitoring, and Evaluation of Teaching Assistants to the Committee at a later date.

An October special meeting of the Committee on Educational Planning was discussed. It was decided by the members not to have a special meeting in October but to balance the agenda items for the October and November meetings.

There being no further business, Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.