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MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

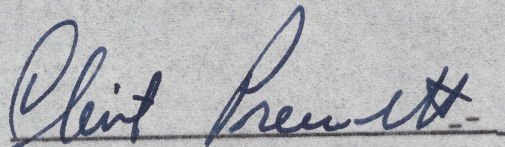
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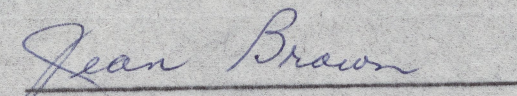
The staff of the Psychology Department met in Rawl 232 at 4 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 9, 1964.

Present: Dr. Clinton R. Prewett, Chairman, Mr. Robert Graham, Dr. C. T. Martoccia, Dr. Willie Mae Gillis, Dr. Ruby Bliss, Dr. John R. Clarke, Dr. Benjamin Allen, Mr. Larry Byrd, Dr. A. V. Griffith, Mr. C. R. Dixon, Mrs. Hazel Stapleton, Mr. Ed. Nicholson, Dr. Julia Marshall, Mr. Gene Wood, and Mr. Larry Whitlock.

1) Dr. Prewett made several announcements pertaining to recruiting efforts for next year and tentative research proposals being considered. He pointed out the difficulty of no small magnitude which East Carolina College faces in getting grants because of the necessity of having a doctoral program in psychology. He recalled that Dr. Vernon said that without a change in orientation in Washington, D. C. we most likely would not be able to get any sizeable training money for a Master's Degree. Nevertheless we intend to continue our efforts.

2) Dr. Tom Martoccia presented a report from the Committee on Comprehensive Examinations. The report was accepted as presented with the understanding that it would be re-evaluated after its first administration. (Copy of the report attached)

  
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Clinton R. Prewett, Chairman

  
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Jean Brown, Secretary

Report of Committee on Comprehensive Examinations

1. The catalogue states that the examination is to be written, and is to be given after the student has completed 27 hours.
2. Consequently, the recommendations of the committee are as follows:
  - A. The comprehensive examination (CE) is to be given after the student has completed 27 hours. If the student completes the 27th. hour during the spring quarter, the CE is to be given as soon as possible after the student's last regular course examination during that quarter.
  - B. The CE will be given each quarter one or more students requires it. The CE will be given simultaneously to all students taking the test that quarter.
  - C. The CE is to be a three hour essay test, composed of six questions, requiring about 30 minutes each. Half the questions will be from "core" areas and half from specialty areas (such as general or clinical).
  - D. Each question will be scored by three readers chosen for competence in the area covered by the question. Each reader will score a question A, B, C, or D.
    - I. A student passes if his average on the total CE is B or higher, and his average on no more than one question is C or below. (For example: B, B, B, B, B, C passes)
    - II. The student fails if the average on the total CE is less than B.
    - III. If a student's average on the total examination is B, and his average on more than one question is C (for example: A, A, A, A, C, C), the CE committee will evaluate the total performance to decide whether the student has passed the examination or not.
    - IV. If a student fails under (II), he would be retested on the total test (six questions). If he fails under (III), under some circumstances the retest, at the option of the CE committee, would cover certain areas only.
    - V. A student can be retested no more than twice (three times in all).
    - VI. There will be at least about a quarter between successive tests for a given student.
  - E. The CE will be constructed each time by the CE committee from a pool of questions submitted by staff members. The person who submitted the question will be one of the readers of the question.
    - I. Students will have a choice of alternatives within some questions.
  - F. The CE committee will consist of present members: Martoccia, Graham, Clarke, Allen, & Prewett.