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MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING  
Psychology Department  
November 1, 1971

The Psychology Department held its November meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock, November 1, 1971.

PRESENT: Prewett, Stapleton, Daugherty, Harris, Higgins, Tacker, Means, Moore, Roberts, Mitchell, Long, Castellow, Grossnickle, Martoccia, Lao.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following correction:

In the 5th paragraph on Page 2 delete the word "new" in the first sentence.

Dr. Prewett made the following announcements:

The fall meeting of the North Carolina Psychological Association will be held at Queens College in Charlotte December 3-4. He urged attendance by staff, if possible.

The spring meeting of the North Carolina Psychological Association will be held in conjunction with the spring meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science at East Carolina University April 21-22. He further stated that plans were progressing toward the program.

Mrs. Harris was recognized to speak about the Self-Study report. (Mrs. Harris is serving as Chairman of the Department's Steering Committee.) The first meeting was held at 2:30 p.m., November 1 at which time a general overview of the entire Study was taken. She asked for the full cooperation of the staff and urged them to return the questionnaires they were to be given Tuesday morning by noon Friday, November 5. These are sections II and VI of the Study. She announced that the Department's standing committees would be asked to handle the appropriate sections of the Study.

Dr. Prewett thanked Dr. Grossnickle and Mrs. Stapleton for their work in preparing an organizational chart for the Department.

Dr. Roberts has been asked to chair an ad hoc committee to consider what we can honestly tell students they can do with an A. B. Degree in psychology. He is to choose the other members of the committee. He is exploring the possibility of securing funds from the National Science Foundation to conduct this study.

Mrs. Harris, reporting for the President's Advisory Council, said the minutes of each meeting would be posted on the Departmental Bulletin Board for staff to read. She asked that anyone desiring an item placed on the agenda to please contact her.

Mrs. Harris asked that the matter of a student declaring a double major under the new catalog be considered. Dr. Grossnickle asked that this be tabled until further information could be secured that could be brought to the next staff meeting.

Dr. Prewett, reporting for the Graduate Admissions Committee, stated that Ann Waring had been admitted to the clinical program, Helen Cleveland to the School program with the understanding the needed courses be worked out in collaboration with Dr. Corwin, Dr. Prewett, and herself; Linda Peer Fleming to the School program, and Neil Hornstein was rejected.

Dr. Roberts asked for a statement of policy regarding minimum GRE scores for admission to the graduate program. It was stated that the Graduate School requirements were a minimum of 900 with a B average or 950 and that this was the requirement for the Department, unless there are very strong extenuating circumstances involved.

Dr. Prewett further stated that any faculty member was welcome to attend any of the meetings of the Graduate Admissions Committee.

Dr. Means was recognized to speak on an ad hoc committee he had been asked to chair pertaining to research. The following staff members are also on the Committee: Dr. Lao, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Tacker, Thomas Bates from the undergraduate students, and Ann Waring, of the graduate students. The Committee is to be called The Faculty-Student Research Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to encourage research on the part of faculty and students. Dr. Means told of three ideas they hope to have carried out:

1. A series of colloquia to meet once a month just for the faculty and students of the Psychology Department to discuss research being done by them or to explore ideas for research. These meetings to be very informal and attendance voluntary.
2. Efforts are going to be made to make everyone aware of the research that is being done in the Department. Abstracts of the various research activities will be made available to interested parties.
3. A more formal colloquium to be held once a quarter at which an outstanding speaker in a variety of fields will be secured. After the talk a social hour will be held to give people an opportunity to meet and discuss the research with the speaker.

The Department unanimously approved this Committee as a standing committee.

Dr. Long, reporting for the Schedule Committee, reported that they had met and considered the preregistration analysis for the winter quarter but felt that no additional sections could be opened up to accommodate the very large demand for certain courses. This is brought about by the lack of the staff to cover these classes. He further stated that the Registrar had been asked to encourage students to seek elective courses in other departments at this time.

Dr. Mitchell announced that the Curriculum Committee had had several meetings and another was scheduled for next week at which time they hoped to complete the work on the revised graduate programs. He further asked that if anyone had a new course they wanted considered to contact him.

Dr. Moore, Comprehensives Committee Chairman, reported that the comprehensives had been given and that nine clinical students took both the morning and afternoon sessions and two make-up exams were given. They will be scored and the results circulated early next week.

Dr. Martoccia reported that the emergency library fund had been expended.

Dr. Grossnickle asked the staff to please announce to their classes if anyone was interested in affiliating with Psi Chi to contact either Dr. Corwin or himself.

Dr. Daugherty reported that his Graduate Committee on Exceptions had not been called upon.

Dr. Long, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Graduate Student Handbook, reported that the Committee was working on it and they should have it ready for distribution soon.

Dr. Tacker, Chairman of the 50/51 Committee, had no report.

Dr. Prewett urged each member to read the Senate minutes as they are circulated. Dr. Roberts asked that they be posted on the Departmental Bulletin Board rather than circulated by a buck sheet. There was opposition to this request so the buck sheet will continue to be used.


Mrs. Harris, as a member of the General College Advisory Board, asked for the feelings of the Department about a student being allowed to drop courses after the regular drop/add deadline had passed. There was a great deal of discussion on this question. Mrs. Stapleton moved that the Department endorse a resolution asking the University Administration to consider amending the rules to allow a student to drop a course without penalty but with his advisor's consent up until two weeks prior to examinations. Motion was seconded. The resolution was amended to read: a student be allowed to drop a course without penalty after a conference with his advisor. Motion passed with 2 voting for and 3 against.

Dr. Roberts made a motion that in the final examination in Psychology 50 1194 answer sheets be used and an item analysis be done. This was agreed upon.

Dr. Means asked how many staff members would be willing to buy one journal and contribute it to the Psi Chi library. A discussion followed but no action was taken.

Dr. Tacker asked for a clarification of the rule saying an incomplete must be removed by two weeks prior to the next quarter the student is enrolled. He mentioned the fact that many times a student brings the work in at the eleventh hour and it is impossible to grade the work and get the grade in by the deadline. The consensus was that each professor should use his own judgement in this matter as to how he handles this.

Dr. Mitchell moved for adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
 Clinton R. Prewett, Chairman