MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING Psychology Department February 7, 1972

The Psychology Department held its February meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock February 7, 1972.

PRESENT: Castellow, Martoccia, Daugherty, Corwin, Harrop, Means, Tacker, Moore Mitchell, Harris, Grossnickle, Long, Higgins, Stapleton. Students present: Thomas Harrell, Thomas Bates, Dennis Huntley, Kenneth Wright, Sandra Long.

In the absence of the Chairman Dr. Mitchell presided.

Dr. Mitchell announced that it would be appreciated by the office personnel if those desiring typing done get the work in at least three days before needed. This would give the secretary opportunity to schedule the work and use the student help more effectively.

Dr. Mitchell presented a course proposal: Psychology 428: Somatopsychology of Disability developed by Vocational Rehabilitation. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made that the Department approve the course. Motion passed with three being opposed and eleven in favor.

Dr. Tacker announced that he had been asked to chair a committee to select an article to be submitted for consideration for the Bisplinghoff Award. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roberts, and Dr. Means served on the Committee. Four papers were given to the Committee for selection of one and after considering each paper the Committee approved Dr. Mean's paper entitled "The hippocampectomy on alternation behavior and response to novelty" for the Psychology Department's entry.

Dr. Tacker brought before the group for discussion a course proposal—Recreation 427: Group Dynamics in Community Leadership. It is being proposed that this course be changed from a graduate course to an undergraduate course—Recreation 327G. After a lengthy discussion it was felt that there was too much overlap with courses already offered in the Psychology Department and that the Department go on record as opposing this course. (The Department unanimously approved this position.)

Mrs. Harris was recognized to speak on the results of a questionnaire sent out in connection with the self-study. The following items were brought before the group:

1. That upperclass students be enlisted to help advise in General College and in the Department when new majors come into the Department and also during the summer orientation program with the understanding that they will be given no final authority but simply trained to help in this burdensome work. It was suggested that the honors students be recruited to help in this program.

Mrs. Harris moved that an ad hoc committee be set up that would have faculty and student members to work out the details as to how the students would be selected and trained and to plan some kind of continuity for the program. Motion approved and passed unanimously.

- 2. The students felt that a great need for an orientation program for new majors existed, and would be very helpful, the details to be worked out by the student/faculty committee that would be set up to study the work of student advising. Mrs. Harris moved that this committee be combined with the ad hoc committee mentioned above. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. The questionnaire showed that the students felt that all standing committees except those dealing specifically with the Comprehensives Examination, Graduate Admissions Committee, and Graduate Student Exceptions Committee should have student members. Dr. Means moved that one graduate and one undergraduate student be added to each committee except those listed above; the students to be selected by the Chairman of the Committee. Dr. Daugherty amended the motion to read: that the students be selected by the Committee Chairman in collaboration with the Departmental Chairman and that a minimum of one graduate and one undergraduate be appointed to each committee. Mr. Harrop suggested that Psi Chi be given the responsibility of working out a procedure to select the names of students to be considered for the committee assignments. The above motion with amendments was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Harris asked that the matter of students attending the monthly staff meetings be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Mrs. Harris asked that the Student/Faculty Student Advisory Committee be reactivated. This, she felt, should be put on the agenda for discussion at the next staff meeting.

Sandra Long brought before the group for discussion the advisability of putting the file of standardized tests in the Library so they would be available to student needing them for study in their courses. These would be under the strict supervision of the person in charge of the library and would not be checked out to anyone. A discussion was held on this but no action taken.

Dr. Means announced that he was holding a colloquium Tuesday; February 15 from 3-5 in EP 129. Dr. R. S. Tacker will speak on Behavior Modification in the Classroom.

Dr. Mitchell announced that Psi Chi would meet February 17.

Dr. Mitchell announced that the spring meeting of NCPA would be held at East Carolina April 21-22. Dr. Karras, Program Chairman, has announced that the program would be Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. There will be a dinner meeting Friday night at Brook Valley Country Club at 7:30. This is to be a dutch affair and the cost will be \$5.00. The topics to be discussed will be directed toward problems of drug usage and treatment. Students should be encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Charles C. Mitchell, Acting Chairman