MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING Psychology Department December 4, 1972

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

PRESENT: Mitchell, Hayes, Corwin, Daugherty, Lao, Martoccia, Grossnickle, Roberts, Mallenbaum, Moore, Castellow, Childers, Graham, Long, and Tacker.

Dr. Mitchell, Acting Chairman, presided.

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The following items of business were discussed:

- 1. Dr. Mitchell asked the staff to take a definite stand as to whether or not the advanced section of the GRE should be required for admission to the psychology graduate programs. After a full discussion a motion was made that the advanced section of the GRE should be a requirement. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.
- 2. Dr. Mitchell asked for clarification in just what is required of a student in lieu of the foreign language requirement; i.e., whether a student could meet the requirement simply by auditing a course or whether it is necessary to take the required course or courses for credit. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made that the student's advisor inform the student he must take the course for credit in order to meet the requirement. Dr. Tacker amended the motion to add "or pass by examination." Motion as amended passed unanimously.
- 3. Dr. Mitchell reported briefly on the status of the Departmental budget. After review of the expenditures and a full discussion concerning them, Dr. Mitchell was instructed to ask Dr. Higgins for a report as to how many animals were now in the colony and if all of them were necessary, and also to try to determine if there wasn't some way in which the high cost of operating the animal colony might be reduced.
- 4. Dr. Moore, chairman of the Comprehensives Committee, was called on for a report. He reported that one student had passed the entire examination, the other candidates had deficiencies in one or more areas and must make them up. One student had failed the examination for the second time. A suggestion was made that the student's thesis committee and director of his program confer and come to a conclusion as to what should be done in the student's case. After a discussion this was not accepted. Motion was made that the recommendations of the Committee be accepted. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.
- 5. Dr. Mitchell urged the staff members to observe their office hours.
- 6. Dr. Mitchell announced that he had talked with Dr. Prewett during the morning and he felt he was making some progress in his fight against hepatitis.
- 7. Dr. Lao announced since she was the one that had suggested that the staff contribute 25¢ per month for cookies and coffee to be served at the monthly colloquia she now wished to state that after attending them she did not feel it was necessary for the donation. Dr. Mitchell stated he felt perhaps it should be a voluntary contribution in order to have some coffee. No official action was taken.

- 8. Dr. Daugherty announced that East Carolina University has four senators to represent this University on the North Carolina University Faculty Assembly and Dr. Grossnickle was one of the elected senators and he thought congratulations were in order.
- 9. Dr. Grossnickle announced that the Assembly had its first meeting Saturday, December 2, 1972 in Chapel Hill.
- 10. Dr. Grossnickle announced that he was a member of the Membership Committee for the Southeastern Psychological Association and anyone desiring application blanks could get them from him.
- 11. Dr. Tacker stated that since the Departmental budget for supplies was in acute condition at this time, if there was anything that could be done so that professors would be eligible to purchase their requirements at the State discount price or at the Central Supply Store with a discount. Dr. Lao was asked to submit this to the Chancellor's Advisory Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

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Charles C. Mitchell, Acting Chairman