

Department Chairs Minutes - November 15, 2004

**TC Chairs' Group Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2004
9 a.m., TC 217**

Present: S. Bowman, T. Cross, D. Lapsley, J. McGee, J. McKinney, J. Merbler, J. Miels, T. Richardson

1. Plans for a spring chairs' retreat were discussed. It was agreed that the retreat will again be scheduled in Indianapolis sometime during the spring.
2. Chairs were asked to update their desire to have current representatives continue to serve on the Board of Distinguished Visitors. They were asked to make a decision in this regard by the next regularly scheduled meeting. We agreed to continue to think about agenda items for a possible meeting sometime during the fall semester, 2005.
3. A discussion of progress on NCATE program materials required for the February report and May visit for advanced programs was held. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled just to focus on a discussion of what is required, so as to clarify any confusion. A tentative meeting has been scheduled for November 23 from 10 a.m. to noon in 200G.
4. Updates on department and Office of the Dean searches were shared. It was noted that Steven Gilbert, candidate for associate dean for teacher education, has been scheduled for November 23. Approaches to aggressively seek persons of color for positions were discussed.
5. Grant activities were discussed. T. Richardson noted receipt of an internal grant to focus on department connections on advising with other departments. J. Merbler talked of efforts by Michael Harvey to secure two small grants in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education. T. Cross shared progress on possible future grants in the area of gifted education. R. Weaver indicated that a \$15,000 grant had been secured for the Center for Technology in Education to conduct a study of K-12 school management systems in order to provide data on moving toward electronic transmission of high school transcripts. He also indicated that Larry Smith, Tom Schroeder, Susan Johnson, and Jackie Stillisano are attending a TQE Directors meeting in Phoenix to explore "another Title II proposal."
6. S. Bowman shared information about President Gora's visit to the department. She indicated that she had provided a "Fact Sheet" in advance to the meeting and had faculty share their work and responsibilities. She also shared the fact that students participate in their faculty meetings, a point that Dean Weaver asked her to share with others, because the Dean believes involving students in governance meetings is a valuable experience and provides useful insights to a department. Sharon also shared concerns related to the recent tele-marketing effort. Dean Weaver indicated that he would share his concerns with the college liaison, in order to get accurate information related to her expressed concerns.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.