

**Graduate Council / March 2008
Report from Dr. Pollyanne Frantz**

Events:

- Several RDOs participated in the North Carolina Research Campus (Kannapolis) breakfast and presentation.
- Dr. Jennifer Snodgrass served on the National Program Committee for the College Music Society.
- The first issue of the Research and Sponsored Programs Funding Express was published and widely distributed.

Research Development Officers:

*Need a CAS RDO.

*RDO meetings with faculty:

- Dr. Ed Brewer met and/or communicated via email with eight faculty members from three CFAA departments to discuss research interests, funding opportunity search results, and internal funding opportunities.
- Dr. Lisa Curtin met with Dale Kirkley and Kurt Michael for continued discussion about the project on targeting college student alcohol use. Lisa also met with faculty from HPC, Sociology and Social Work, and the IHHS to discuss a potential substance abuse training center and potential partnerships.
- Dr. David Dickinson met with one WCOB faculty member to discuss proposal options and benefits of a “center status.”
- Dr. Larry Kortering met with seven RCOE faculty members from two departments to request input about interest in working on a RFP related to teacher preparation as well as individual research interests. Larry also provided information to the RCOE Dean about a recent U.S. Department of Education competition that received insufficient applications for full funding.
- Dr. Jennifer Snodgrass met with five Music faculty members about external funding needs to support performance and research endeavors. Jennifer also assisted a Music faculty member with a Hubbard Center grant proposal.

*Other RDO activities:

- All six RDOs responded to requests for information pertaining to potential research activities at the NC Research Campus for Appalachian.
- Megan Johnson, with assistance from David Dickinson, administered a survey on interest in external funding to library faculty.
- Ed Brewer, with assistance from David Dickinson, administered a survey on interest in external funding to CFAA faculty.
- Megan Johnson is one of the members of a new Library and Grants Research Committee, which has been formed to identify grant opportunities and the appropriate people to apply for the grants. The new committee is working on a

mission statement and reviewing the Library's strategic plan to determine which funding areas are appropriate for pursuit.

- Jennifer Snodgrass spoke at a Music faculty meeting to solicit feedback on the UNC Tomorrow Response Phase.

Upcoming Activities:

- U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education Comprehensive Program web conference on April 4. Three faculty members have registered to attend.
- "Writing Excellent Proposals" workshop on April 4. Seven individual faculty consultations are scheduled for April 3. Twenty faculty members are registered to attend the April 4 workshop.
- "Writing NEH Proposals" (May 20, 2008).