



**Cooperating Raleigh Colleges**  
**Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Meredith College Science & Math Building 175  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Convener:** CRC Director Jenny Spiker

**In attendance:** **Meredith College:** Cindy Edwards, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs. **NC State University:** Betsy Brown, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. **Peace College:** Jerry Nuesell, Associate Dean for Advising & Retention. **Saint Augustine's College:** Yvonne Coston, Vice President for Academic Affairs. **Shaw University:** Marilyn Sutton-Haywood, Vice President for Academic Affairs. **CRC:** Jenny Spiker, Director

**Purpose and Charge:** This was the first meeting this academic year of the Operations Committee that serves a liaison role between the CRC Board of Directors, other CRC committees and the CRC office. Its charge is to help develop overall direction for the organization and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The group reviewed the goals for 2009-2010, the key results from the 2007-2008 strategic planning sessions and the decisions from the Academic Officers and Registrars committees this year.

**Recommendations to the CRC Board of Directors:** The committee agreed that the following should be the top priorities for both this year and 2010-2011:

- **Faculty development:** Work with the Academic Affairs Committee to explore and initiate sharing for various aspects of faculty development. Suggestions included encouraging people across the campuses to take part in existing online and in-person faculty development programs, sharing information and events for the Fulbright and ACE programs, and other teaching/learning and scholarly development programs.
- **International program sharing:** Continue looking for new ways to encourage sharing of study abroad and other international programs and activities.
- **Share SACS learning and experiences:** Create avenues for sharing of lessons learned from the accreditation process. For example, several colleges are stressing critical thinking for their QEP so CRC could host a workshop on critical thinking or invite people from the other campuses to such activities planned on one campus.
- **Undergraduate research programs and possible mentoring/sharing programs with graduate students** from NC State and other research institutions. Explore more ways to help each other encourage undergraduate research, faculty research and use of graduate students in undergraduate institutions. That would include summer research programs and possible adaptation of the kind of program Duke University does with undergraduate institutions by pairing a graduate student with a faculty member at places like Meredith.
- **Explore grants for collaborative projects**
- **Faculty position sharing:** Continue the exploration by the Academic Affairs Committee of ways to share faculty but broaden the approach beyond the original joint appointments idea. For example, concentrate on ways to share faculty already hired.

**Other ideas:**

- Look for more ways to share information beyond meetings (the new CRC website, email, etc.).
- Get subcategories of main committees to meet and communicate other ways (e.g., from student affairs--residence life, career centers, counselors, leadership development, service learning).
- Look for more ways to use technology to help with issues.
- Capitalize on travel budget cutbacks by offering more learning and sharing right here in Raleigh.
- Look at more sharing of ideas and resources for the career centers.
- Encourage more ways to get people from one campus on to other CRC campuses

These recommendations and ideas will be presented to the CRC Board of Directors at their March 1, 2010 meeting.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker with help from Jerry Nuesell