Education students form new group

A new student organization focusing on the needs and interests of minority pre-service educators in ECU’s College of Education held its first meeting in November.

Called EDUCATE, the group draws members from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

The name stands for Educate first, Driving towards success, Utilize many perspectives, Collaborating for excellence, Assuming leadership roles, Teaching Effectively, and Exemplifying Diversity excellence.

The principles are considered essential to the professional achievement of the minority pre-service educator, according to Roxene Barrett, the group’s adviser.

More than 20 students attended the November organizational meeting to chart the organization’s direction for the 2005-06 academic year — establishing an organization which focuses on the unique needs and interests of minority pre-service educators.

The group aims to: foster personal and professional leadership growth among minority pre-service educators; provide opportunities to explore many aspects of the multicultural experience as part of a community of learners; and enhance academic support of its members through advocacy and resources.

Students attending the meeting had their first opportunity to meet and exchange ideas in a new forum which embraces the idea of a community of learners.