

Minutes
Department of Educational Leadership Meeting
October 18, 2011

Persons in Attendance: Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell, Bob Algozzine, Jim Bird, Mark D'Amico, Sandra Dika, Meredith DiPietro, Lisa Driscoll, Mickey Dunaway, Claudia Flowers, John Gretes, Dawson Hancock, Do-Hong Kim, Rich Lambert, Delores Lee, Jae Hoon Lim, Jim Lyons, Valorie McAlpin, Brenda McMahon, Lisa Merriweather, Allen Queen, Rebecca Shore, Chuang Wang, Jim Watson, Patti Wilkins, Jen King, and Joanne Zhang.

The meeting began at 12:30 pm. The following issues were discussed:

1. The program coordinators reported that they had submitted their SACS reports after receiving multiple changes in guidance. They reminded everyone that the course outlines for all courses in their respective programs are due by December 16. The program coordinators then highlighted activities of their respective programs. For Educational Leadership, Jim Bird reported that the Doctoral Advisory Committee will meet on November 1. For Instructional Systems Technology, John Gretes said that we will soon admit 48-52 teachers from across North Carolina into our MEd in Instructional Systems Technology program. These students will be fully funded by the State's Impact 5 grant. For Curriculum and Supervision, Rebecca Shore reported that she appreciated the assistance that she received while working on the C&S SACS report. For School Administration, Delores Lee reported that we will begin two new MSA cohorts this summer in Gaston and Rowan counties and that we are still revising course outlines and placing into Taskstream our electronic evidences.
2. Rich Lambert, Director of the Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation (CEME), reported activities of the CEME, to include: (a) the CEME's desire to hire a new doctoral Graduate Assistant and two undergraduate work study students; and (b) a proposal to evaluate Florida's Office of Early Learning's Race-to-the-Top program.
3. Faculty members were given the opportunity to discuss activities of the faculty governance committees on which they serve. As chair of our Legacy for Leadership Dissertation Award Selection Committee, Sandra Dika reminded us that nominations for dissertations that are completed in calendar year 2011 will be reviewed by the committee in early spring. Members of dissertation committees were encouraged to submit nominations. As chair of the College Internationalization Committee, Meredith DiPietro invited us to attend the November 4 forum related to the "infusion of international concepts into faculty's existing pedagogy." Faculty members interested in attending were encouraged to contact Meredith. As our representative on the College Standard 4 (Diversity) Committee, Lisa Merriweather asked program coordinators to submit as soon as possible the matrix regarding diversity efforts in their respective programs. Lisa said that faculty members will soon be asked to report diversity efforts in their individual courses. As our representative on the College Faculty Council, Jae Hoon Lim shared recent developments in the creation of criteria/procedures for reappointment/promotion of clinical faculty. Jae Hoon encouraged everyone to provide feedback on this issue. As our representative on the University Faculty Council, Mark D'Amico said that the Council is considering the issue of "community engaged scholarship" as part of the reappointment, promotion, and tenure process. He encouraged feedback on this issue. Mark also stated that the Council will soon vote on the whether the University will adopt an on-line course evaluation system. After much discussion, a vote revealed that most Department faculty members favor on-line evaluations. As our representative on the University Faculty Academic Policies and Standards Committee, Chuang Wang said that the committee will recommend elimination of the grade of "NG" and that course instructors will soon be required to submit a grade for every student in their courses.

4. Several faculty members discussed topics of interest/importance. Chuang Wang discussed his recent involvement in the “curriculum integration in education abroad initiative” at UNC Charlotte. Chuang said that our University is examining new options for study abroad and that the University of Minnesota’s program may serve as a model that we may want to emulate. Lisa Driscoll discussed her recent attendance at a law symposium sponsored by NCASA during which she discovered many recent changes involving school law in North Carolina. Lisa said that she has posted her notes from the symposium on-line. Rebecca Shore shared recent changes in “Bloom’s taxonomy” and Patti Wilkins shared a web site (<http://kathyschrock.net/googleblooms/>) about the new taxonomy. Sandra Dika encouraged everyone to attend our Department research colloquium on November 15 and invited anyone who may want to present to contact her. Jim Lyons commented that a senior official in Union County Schools recently told him that four Principals in that district may be interested in applying for our EdD program this spring.

5. The Chair: (a) distributed the minutes of the Department meeting on September 20 and asked that faculty members offer suggestions for improvement; (b) distributed updated copies of our collaborative research efforts and encouraged everyone to share this information with our doctoral students; (c) distributed information about the University’s faculty research grants and scholarship in teaching and learning grants and encouraged everyone to consider submitting proposals for these grants; (d) encouraged everyone to sign up to bring a dessert to the College progressive lunch on December 8; (e) reminded everyone to submit their on-line biographical sketches for SACS before October 31 and to complete their assigned course outlines before December 16; (f) thanked the committee chaired by Brenda McMahon for working on the application for department membership in UCEA; (g) announced that Alan Mabe, former UNC Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, will join our Department as a full-time faculty member this spring; and (h) reminded everyone to submit their preferences for summer teaching by October 21.

6. Jen King reminded everyone to: (a) give Joanne their book orders for this spring if they have not already done so; and (b) participate in the Toys-for-Tots campaign that will begin on November 14 by providing a \$10 unwrapped gift or by giving her \$10 with which to purchase a gift for a needy child.

The meeting ended at 2:15 pm.