

Minutes
Department of Educational Leadership Meeting
April 19, 2011

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

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

1. Sandra Dika, chair of our *Legacy for Leadership* Dissertation Award selection committee (comprised of Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell, Lisa Driscoll, and herself) explained the criteria used to review the three dissertations nominated for the 2010 award. John Gretes, chair of the dissertation committee of the recipient of the award, introduced Louise Murray. The Department recognized Dr. Murray's outstanding accomplishment with a certificate and a check for \$1,000 from the *Legacy for Leadership* endowment fund.
2. The program coordinators highlighted the recent activities of their respective programs. For School Administration, Delores Lee reported that we continue to receive applications from prospective students and that we will probably have at least twice as many Principal Fellows in the incoming cohort than we had last year. Delores expressed her appreciation to the faculty members who are participating in the interviews of these prospective students. For Instructional Systems Technology, John Gretes indicated that the IST program is advertising for and recruiting prospective students nationwide through the Office of Extended Academic Programs. John said that the IST faculty are preparing for the upcoming NCATE visit by preparing course outlines for all IST courses. John also reported that the College's Elementary Education undergraduate program is developing a concentration in IST which may result in a demand for IST courses that we are not currently delivering. For Curriculum and Supervision, Rebecca Shore reported that we recently admitted two new C&S certificate-pursuing students who will be integrated into the course sequence. Rebecca said that she had a social gathering for all C&S students at her home that was very much appreciated by all participants. For Educational Leadership, Jim Bird reported that we have at least eleven new applicants for the EdD program and that we continue to interview prospective students. Jim said that we expect to have three graduates in May 2011 and three more graduates in August 2011.
3. Rich Lambert, Director of the Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation (CEME), reported several new activities of the CEME, to include: (a) efforts by Sandra Dika to support an NSF grant of a faculty member in the College of Engineering; (b) opportunities to re-new our ongoing evaluation support of Drew Polly's grant; and (c) Mickey Dunaway's efforts to create, administer, and interpret a climate survey at Providence Day School.
4. Faculty members were given the opportunity to discuss activities of the faculty governance committees on which they serve. As one of our representatives on the College Diversity Committee, Jim Watson asked everyone to tell the committee their diversity-related activities so that the College can record of all of our actions in this area. As one of our representatives on the College Review Committee, John Gretes reminded everyone to provide input into the performance evaluations of the Dean and Associate Dean. As part of the College committee examining issues related to the creation and submission of electronic evidences, Mickey Dunaway reported that the committee will soon meet again to discuss the issue of plagiarism.
5. Several faculty members discussed topics of interest/importance. As coordinator of our Department research colloquia this year, Mark D'Amico reported that Sandra Dika and Lisa Merriweather did an excellent job presenting their research at today's colloquium. Mark reported that we have already received requests from faculty to present next year, to include presentations on lessons learned by Sandra Dika and Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell at summer research institutes where they will serve as Fellows. As our Department representative on the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Professors of Educational Leadership (NCPLE), Jim Lyons shared his thoughts related to the recent annual conference of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA). Jim said that: (a) all of us should be involved in the activities of the NCASA because it is the most influential

professional organization of its kind in North Carolina; (b) the NCPEDL is attempting to influence the key educational decision-makers in the State around issues of concern to us; and (c) the new leaders of NCDPI are currently re-thinking issues related to the program approval process. Chuang Wang commented that he received very positive comments about our EdD in Educational Leadership program from a Kennesaw State University faculty member during the recent AERA Annual Meeting.

6. The Chair: (a) asked faculty to review the draft of the minutes of the Department meeting on March 22 and to offer suggestions for improvement; (b) reported that the School Administration Program Review Committee will meet at 2:00 pm on May 11; (c) reported that the Doctoral Advisory Committee will meet at 12:30 pm on May 11; (d) reminded everyone that the University Faculty Council wants everyone to attend at least one Commencement exercise per year; (e) reminded tenure-eligible faculty that there will be a meeting on April 29 with the Dean to discuss the Reappointment/Promotion/Tenure process; and (f) encouraged everyone to participate actively next academic year as we begin in earnest to prepare for the upcoming NCATE accreditation visit.

7. Jen King reminded us to: (a) tell her if we will attend the Commencement exercise on May 14; and (b) always be sure that our course evaluations are submitted to the Dean's Office.

The meeting ended at 1:55 pm.