

Minutes
Department of Educational Leadership Meeting
January 19, 2010

Persons in Attendance: Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell, Bob Algozzine, Jim Bird, Mark D'Amico, Meredith DiPietro, Lisa Driscoll, Claudia Flowers, John Gretes, Dawson Hancock, Richard Hartshorne, Do-Hong Kim, Rich Lambert, Delores Lee, Jae Hoon Lim, Corey Lock, Jim Lyons, Lisa Merriweather, 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. Minutes of the Department meeting on November 10 were reviewed and approved.
2. We congratulated Bob Algozzine as the only UNC Charlotte professor listed as a *Highly Cited Researcher* in the ISI Web of Knowledge database. This recognition means that Bob is among the top 250 individual researchers to have demonstrated great influence in their field as measured by citations to their work. We congratulated Mickey Dunaway regarding his participation in NCPEA's Webinar on National Board Certification for Educational Leaders. We congratulated Mark D'Amico for receiving one of only twelve UNC Charlotte Junior Faculty Grants this year. Mark was the only recipient in the College of Education of this grant. We congratulated Rebecca Shore, Corey Lock, Mickey Dunaway, and Richard Hartshorne regarding their upcoming presentations on January 26 at the *Teacher Education and Practice in the USA* conference. We congratulated Meredith DiPietro, Jae Hoon Lim, Patti Wilkins, and Rich Lambert for their upcoming participation on February 4-5 in the *Internationalization Consultation and Professional Development* workshop. We congratulated Rich Lambert as an invited panelist at a recent national meeting of the *Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program*. We congratulated Jim Watson who recently received the *Lincoln County Man of the Year Award*.
3. The Chair reported that on November 20 in Chapel Hill, Jim Lyons, Delores Lee, Dawson Hancock, and Mary Lynne Calhoun presented a summary of our revised MSA degree program to several local and national representatives recruited by UNC General Administration to review all revised MSA programs in the State. We anticipate that we will soon receive feedback regarding our revised program so that we may make any necessary changes prior to implementation next academic year. We already know that we must update all MSA course syllabi to include the *evidences* required in the report.
4. We were reminded that our next doctoral dinner will occur from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20, in Salon A of the SAC. In addition to spending time with our doctoral students, participants will have the opportunity to hear Montrie Belton discuss his recent dissertation efforts. To this doctoral dinner we are inviting some prospective EdD candidates with the goal of enticing them to apply this spring for admission to our EdD program.
5. At 5:30 pm on January 26, the Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School (Kent Curran) will discuss with our doctoral students and faculty members the process for preparing and submitting electronic dissertations. Students and faculty members with an interest in attending were encouraged to contact Jen McGee.
6. The Chair distributed an updated copy of our Department's *Collaborative Research Efforts* and emphasized the need to continue to identify research areas in which we may collaborate with others to produce scholarly products. More significant research can be conducted and disseminated if faculty members with similar interests collectively pursue research ideas, problems, and topics that address educational issues. Faculty members were encouraged to work together on selected research topics and to invite doctoral students to conduct their dissertation research on one of those topics.
7. To publicize our recent research efforts, the Chair announced that a bulletin board has been established in the hall outside the Department office on which Joanne Zhang will post the first page of recent research articles and book chapters authored by Department faculty. Everyone was encouraged to submit their works to Joanne.
8. Because the State is once again experiencing a budget shortfall, the Chair encouraged everyone to encumber the \$1,000 in their Professional Development accounts in order to protect those monies from a potential freeze in spending. This may be accomplished by pre-paying conference registration fees, membership dues, etc.

9. We discussed the recent national trend toward eliminating pay increases for master's degrees in education and the fact that CMS has already eliminated from its 2014 budget pay increases for teachers earning master's degrees. While discussion ensues, our Department will continue to do what we do best – offer excellent courses and experiences taught by excellent professors.

10. Meredith DiPietro announced that the Department research colloquia this semester will occur from 10:00 to 11:30 am on February 9 and April 13. On the first date, Dr. Lynn Tingle, Director of CMS's Center for Research and Evaluation, will discuss current research and evaluation activities in the district. This colloquium will be a valuable opportunity to explore potential research partnerships with CMS.

11. Jim Watson, Delores Lee, and Meredith DiPietro (with support from Misty Hathcock) updated us on their planning for our celebration of 100 EdD graduates. The date for the event will be March 16 in the Harris Alumni Center. All graduates of our EdD program and all Department faculty and staff members will be invited to this gathering for food and fellowship. Jim Lyons will be the featured speaker. Electronic and paper invitations will be distributed soon. Jim, Delores, and Meredith said that they would keep us updated on their planning.

12. Claudia Flowers said that planning for the PhD in Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation continues. She distributed a draft of the proposed curriculum and said that a proposal is due to the Graduate School soon and that the Department will soon be asked to vote on the proposal.

13. Rich Lambert, Director of our *Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation*, discussed recent activities of the *Center* as it fulfills its mission to connect the expertise of College of Education faculty to schools and related agencies in order to help educational policy makers and administrators make informed decisions. The *Center* recently completed an evaluation of a project involving homeless children and a project involving accelerated mathematics in two Oklahoma school districts. Additional projects are being planned as the *Center* accomplishes its primary goals of providing: (1) a vehicle through which university faculty can establish new and enhance existing research collaborations with educational practitioners; (2) program evaluation services; (3) statistical, methodological, and measurement expertise and technical assistance; and (4) expertise in educational administration and leadership to schools and related agencies.

14. Rich Lambert and Richard Hartshorne, our representatives on the University Faculty Academic Policies and Standards Committee and on the College Faculty Council, respectively, reported that their committees had taken no action since our last Department meeting. Richard Hartshorne, our representative on the University Faculty Council, said that adoption of a “+/-” grading system at UNC Charlotte had been voted down but that it may still be considered at the graduate level.

15. Our program coordinators, Corey Lock, Delores Lee, Rebecca Shore, and John Gretes reported the latest activities within the programs that they coordinate. The Educational Leadership program is preparing for the spring admission process but has also recently admitted four qualified students at mid-year. The School Administration program continues its significant recruiting efforts and hopes to have enough students to begin distance education sites in Rowan, Union, and Gaston counties this summer. Delores reported that our new MSA program will require significant collaboration among Department faculty to produce course outlines and to revise course syllabi. The Curriculum and Supervision program expects to have at least nineteen students in its new cohort. The Instructional Systems Technology program is working with the Office of Distance Education to clarify funding and other issues related to on-line course offerings. The Chair encouraged everyone to continue to support the coordinators' requests for assistance as we recruit prospective students, interview and admit students, administer and grade comprehensive examinations, and serve on dissertation and project committees.

16. Jen King announced that we contributed five boxes of toys this past holiday season in support of the “Toys for Tots” project. She reminded us to make sure that our spring course rosters match the students in our classes and to tell her prior to January 25 about any discrepancies.

The meeting ended at 1:50 pm.