

Educational Leadership Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020

6:00-7:00 p.m.

<https://wcu.zoom.us/j/3479220744>

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Welcome from Emily Virtue and Dean Winter
 - b. Introductions
 - c. Valerie Bridges—finalist for Educational Leadership Award (WE are LEADing)!
Congrats!
- II. Update on program delivery
 - a. EdD program has been fully online since March 2020. We hope to be back to our hybrid model by the start of summer courses (if safe)
- III. Problems of Practice –new and persistent
 - a. What problems of practice have been persistent that you'd like to see our students consider?
 - i. Issues related to internet and technology access have been pushed to the forefront. Participants noted that there is no denying the equity issues that surround this problem.
 - ii. While students, faculty and staff are working incredibly hard, administrators are seeing the toll it is taking on everyone. Folks are exhausted.
 - iii. Administrators noted that they are being strategic about initiatives so they can support faculty, staff, and students without over burdening during this particularly difficult time in education.
 - b. What new problems have come up that are garnering attention and support? How can we help our students filter into new resources available?
 - i. Technology and budgeting items were mentioned.
 - ii. We need to be careful that we don't further widen or deepen technology related inequities.
 - iii. Retention efforts
- IV. Breakout rooms (higher ed, superintendent, principals) How well is WCU doing in preparing leaders? How can we make the program stronger?
 - a. Empathy interviews are being used to help faculty, staff, and students better understand and support one another (Edgecombe)
 - b. Continue efforts to engage with community
- V. Equity Summit Update- June 17, 2020
- VI. Recruitment efforts- Board was encouraged to share our information or direct students to us individually. Faculty will review applications and hold interviews in March

Attendees

Dr. Kim Winter, Dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions

Dr. Jess Weiler, Program Director for Educational Leadership

Dr. Heidi Von Dohlen, Program Director for NC School Executive Leadership Program

Dr. Cathy Andrews, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Dr. Kofi Lomotey, Bardo Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership

Dr. Brandi Hinnant-Crawford, Associate Professor of Educational Research

Dr. Robert Crow, Associate Professor of Educational Research

Dr. Emily Virtue, Assistant Professor of Educational Research

Dr. Mark Poarch, President of Caldwell Community College

Dr. Don Thomas- President of Southwestern Community College

Dr. Shelley White- President of Haywood Community College

Dr. David Sutton- Superintendent of Rutherford County Schools

Dr. Jan King- Assistant Superintendent of Henderson County Public Schools

Jacob Buchanan- Assistant Superintendent of Jackson County Publish Schools

Jan Webster- WRESA Representative

Dr. Valerie Bridges- Superintendent, Edgecombe County Public Schools

Cathy Haughney- Assistant Principal, Buncombe County Schools

Andy Peoples-Principal,