FROM THE CHAIR:

I am proud to launch our newsletter for September 2008. Educational Leadership has clocked up some significant accomplishments for AY08. But before I share those, I want to acknowledge the contributions to the department by Dr. Ray Calabrese, who has taken up a position at Ohio State University, Columbus and by Dr. Randy Turk, who has started phased retirement. During AY08 we started an Urban cohort in the M.Ed. Program for the Aspiring Principals project in partnership with Wichita Public Schools. This resulted in increased enrolment of 16 additional students. Meanwhile the Inquiry cohort continues to grow. The District Leadership program has enjoyed record numbers of candidates, who have scored well above the national average in the SSA test. The level of interest in the doctoral program has grown, as has the cohort size. This year, Cohort 17 will have 10 members. Last year, the doctoral program had six graduates walk at the fall and spring commencements – the most productive doctoral program on campus!

This year we have three new members joining us: Dr. Jo Bennett, as Assistant Professor, from University of Texas, Austin; Dr. Craig Elliott, who will lead the District Level Certification program; and Dr. Pat Terry who will lead the M.Ed. program. Both Drs. Elliott and Terry bring an enormous amount of experience as District Superintendents in surrounding school districts. In the coming year, we aim to add an Assistant Professor of Urban Leadership to take charge of the Urban cohort.

Faculty and students have been active and successful in publishing their work in regional, national and international conferences, as well as in journals. A sizable delegation of faculty and doctoral graduates/candidates presented papers the American Educational Research Association meetings in New York City during March. This illustrates the strength and quality of the doctoral program nationally and internationally.

Finally, I would like to thank Drs. Jean Patterson and Randy Turk for their dedication in preparing for the upcoming KSDE and NCATE accreditation visits.

I look forward to being part of another year of achievement and growth for Educational Leadership.

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Welcome to three new faculty joining the Educational Leadership team this semester:

Assistant Professor Dr. Jo Bennett is from the University of Texas at Austin where she recently completed her dissertation: “Caring in an Urban School.” She has taught at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, CA, at Stanford University and the University of Texas.

Senior Fellow Dr. Craig Elliott is from Pittsburg State University where he was an Assistant Professor in Special Services and Leadership Studies. Craig has also served as the superintendent of Maize, KS school District 266, and taught in Conway Springs Unified School District 356.

Senior Fellow Dr. Patrick Terry comes to us from Emporia State University where he was an Associate Professor on the faculty of the Department of School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education. He has also served as Superintendent of Schools for USD 385 Andover, USD 211 Norton, and USD 456 Marais des Cynes Valley.

Global Learning

During AY08, WSU hosted the 5th International Conference on Intercultural Communication Competence (http://gl.wichita.edu/iccc5/), which attracted 139 registrants and 40+ visitors from 16 different countries. The feedback from visitors was very positive for our efforts in ICCC research, for the college, for WSU and for Wichita. Some of the international visitors wish to return for sabbatical leave at WSU. Delegates enjoyed a workshop on the Cage Painting Simulator (http://gl.wichita.edu/cps/) that was led by three WSU graduate candidates, including Larry Callis, who has joined Cohort 17 in the doctoral program. He worked with Linda Hoffman in Mathematics and Meagan Higgins in Curriculum & Instruction. Another of our doctoral candidates, Lisa Lutz played a leading role in the Global Nomads Group (www.gng.org) workshop and later she and Dr. Jan Peterson, a recent doctoral graduate, facilitated the World Café at the ICCC5 conference. Dr. Jean Patterson gave the Closing Address.

The book—Third Place Learning by Drs. Glyn Rimmington and Mara Alagic—was released in time for the conference. Information Age Publishing Inc. (www.infoagepub.com) was the publisher. It is already being used as a text in courses here and in other countries. ICC5 was followed by invited contributions to a panel discussion—Dispatches From the Front Lines: Case Studies in Global Education—at the NAFSA (http://www.nafsa.org/annual_conference) conference for international education leaders in Washington D.C. Research work in ICC has also led to invitations to write for upcoming special issues of journals and to run more workshops. A paper—Learning organizations and the cage painting framework as the fifth discipline—has been accepted for publication by the International Journal of Learning and Change (http://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journID=85) and more are in progress. Workshops on ICC and the Cage Painting Simulator are planned for Nagano Japan in November, San Diego in March 2009, and Chicago in August 2009. A paper on the mathematics of ICC, with Dr. Alagic, was presented at the Bridges Conference in Leeuwarden, NL. It generated a good deal of interest among participants some of whom wish to collaborate in this area. (http://www.bridgessmathart.org/2008/2008.html)

FALL SCHEDULE
School Improvement:
EL 750V School Improvement Plan 1
EL 750W School Improvement Plan 2
EL 750Y School Improvement Implementation 1
EL 750Z School Improvement Implementation 2

Masters – Inquiry Cohort:
EL 813 Sem: Educational Leadership School Finance; 4:30 pm – 6:55 pm, Monday, section 11085
EL 815 Building Level Leadership Practicum 1 (sections 11161, 11164 and 11166); 7:05 pm – 9:45 pm, Monday
EL 833 S: School Law/Personnel Management; 4:30 pm – 6:55 pm, Monday, section 11095
EL 835 Building Level Leadership Practicum 3; Inquiry Sections 11113, 11101, and 11112: 7:05 pm - 9:45 pm, Monday

Masters – Urban Cohort:
EL 834 Leading and Managing Personnel/Targeted Student Populations in an Urban District, section 16520
EL 835 Building Level Leadership Practicum 3; Urban Sections 16474 and 16475; 7:05 – 9:35 pm, Monday
EL 852U Urban Issues; 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, section 13846

District Level Certification Program:
EL 884 School Plant and Facility; 4:30 pm – 6:55 pm, Wednesday (West Campus), section 14424
EL 956 District Personnel Administration; 4:30 pm – 6:55 pm, Thursday, section 14432
EL 992 District Superintendency Internship; As arranged, section 11207

Doctoral Program:
EL 970 Theory, Research Perspectives and Applications; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Wednesday, section 11196
EL 972 Leadership Theories Seminar; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Wednesday, section 11199
EL 981 Intro to Field-Based Research 1; 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, sections 14431, 14414
EL 986 Advanced Field-Based Research 1 (sections 15130 and 11204); 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, sections 11204, 15128, 16536, 16537
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