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As we continue our “debate” on the topic of “Leadership and Meetings,” you can see the pictures below and have a glimpse of our LEAD Department meetings, which means, we are on the same boat with meetings!

Thanks to those who interacted with our debate questions in the last newsletter about Leadership and meetings. Here are some of the participants’ comments on the following topics:

**Topic 1:** “Is it possible to have true leadership without meetings?”

“On meetings, I happen to enjoy them. While I am best at one-on-one conversations with my employees, without the all-faculty meetings I believe our shared vision would be more difficult to create and to articulate.”

Jim Weller (2006 cohort)
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Pre-Conference Workshops: Before the official start of the conference on Sunday evening, there will be two days of pre-conference workshops on the topic of Spiritual Leadership. These will begin on Friday evening and will continue Saturday and Sunday. The highlight of the pre-conference session is a keynote address by Richard Blackaby, co-author of Spiritual Leadership. The pre-conference sessions are sponsored by the Christian Leadership Center (CLC).

Call for Proposals: You are welcome to submit paper proposals on topics related to Leadership at the Annual Roundtable Conference. See the Call for Proposals at http://www.andrews.edu/SED/leadership_dept/ (deadline is May 15)

Newsletter Survey
Thanks for the valuable feedback many of you provided on the newsletter survey. We have plenty of suggestions that will help us improve our communications. If you have not yet responded, please take 5 minutes to add your comments. http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB32EW99EG77S

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations Lara MacQuarrie, PhD!

Lara MacQuarrie (1998 cohort) completed her program by presenting her portfolio on April 11, 2012. Her committee members were Jim Tucker (Advisor), Shirley Freed, and Robson Marinho.

Congratulations Ricardo Norton, PhD!

Ricardo Norton (2006 cohort) completed his program by presenting his portfolio on April 11, 2012. His committee members were Erich Baumgartner (Advisor), Shirley Freed, and Janet Ledesma. Ricardo defended his dissertation earlier this year.

Congratulations Karen Tilstra, PhD!

Ricardo Norton (2006 cohort) completed his program by presenting his portfolio on April 11, 2012. His committee members were Erich Baumgartner (Advisor), Shirley Freed, and Janet Ledesma. Ricardo defended his dissertation earlier this year.
Karen Tilstra (2007 cohort) successfully defended her dissertation, “Leadership Programs Designed to Develop Creative Leaders: a Multiple Case Study” on March 26, 2012. The dissertation was chaired by Shirley Freed. Committee members were Erich Baumgartner, Rhonda Root, and Alyssia Coates (2010 graduate and external examiner). Karen presented her portfolio on April 10, 2012, bringing her to the end of her PhD journey! Her committee members were Robson Marinho, (Advisor), Shirley Freed, and Sylvia Gonzalez.

Dennis Lundgren Defends Dissertation

Dennis Lundgren (2006 cohort) successfully defended his dissertation, “The Effects of a Videoconferencing Implementation Project on Educators’ Level of Concern in Southwest Michigan Schools.” The dissertation was chaired by Shirley Freed. Committee members were Jimmy Kijai, Dennis Rudy, and John Van Dyke (external examiner).

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Leandro Rodor Returns to Brazil

After spending a couple of years on the campus of Andrews University, Leandro recently completed his coursework for the MA program in Higher Education and moved back to Brazil where he is finishing his master thesis research project, titled “Perceived Usability of the Moodle Learning Management System Among Faculty of Andrews University’s Leadership Department.” Leandro worked as web designer and technology assistant for the School of Education and has been extremely valuable to the Leadership department. The department is grateful to Leandro for his support and assistance, and wishes him all the best on his new journey in Brazil!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Webinars
1. April 30: School Budget/Principals responsibility. Presenter: George Carrazana
2. May 7: Cultivating Relationships. Presenter: Bob Overstreet
3. May 21: Pastor/Teacher Collaboration. Presenter: Pam Consuegra and Stan Patterson

Always at 4:30 pm, on the following link: http://www.andrews.edu/ced/leadership_dept/webinars/