

Prof Charlie Webber – Internasional visitor (8-12 April)



During this week, Edu-Lead has had the honour to host Prof Charles Webber. He is a professor in the Department of Education, Faculty of Health, Community and Education, Mount Royal University Alberta, Canada. Being an expert in areas such as cross-cultural leadership development, Prof Webber provided the research niche with some extremely valuable insights and opportunities.

Edu-Lead made the most of his visit by inviting him to facilitate and lead a variety of activities across all three campuses of the North-West University. Monday he had a meeting with the faculty management, including the dean (Prof Lloyd Conley), the deputy dean (Prof Herman van Vuuren) and directors of the research entities of the Education

faculty (Prof Jan Heystek- Edu-Lead and Prof Elda de Waal – Edu-HRight). Tuesday Prof Webber visited the members of Edu-Lead on the Mafikeng campus where they had a discussion about instructional and curriculum leadership. Wednesday, all members of the research niche were invited to participate in a workshop, hosted by Prof Webber, on developing leadership themes and priorities for the entity. Thursday, Edu-Lead hosted a public lecture where Prof Webber presented his ideas the emerging role of university leaders based on his years of experience in university management structures (Information is available at Prof Heystek). This was a very valuable learning experience for all who attended. Prof Daryl Balia's reflection afterwards gave rise to an extremely valuable discourse, among others about decolonisation. Today, Prof Webber is visiting the Vaal campus to discuss leadership development and organisational health with Edu-Lead members.

As a whole this visit proved to be a highly valuable and insightful injection from an internationally recognised expert for the entity. Edu-Lead is grateful to have someone of Prof Webber's esteem sharing his knowledge and experience with us.