

## **Edu-Lead Wednesday Session:**

### **Quantitative Research Methodology (22 May 2019)**

Prof Kobus Mentz, Director of School of Professional Studies in Education at the Faculty of Education hosted Edu-Lead's Wednesday session on Quantitative Research Methodologies on the 22nd of May. Edu-Lead hosts Wednesday sessions on a monthly basis to provide an opportunity for members to have enriching discourse on themes are crucial for researchers to obtain knowledge on.

Prof Mentz elaborated on the value of quantitate methodologies in Education Research within the context of Education Leadership and management. Quantitative research is especially effective in research in Education Policy and Practice, which is a major focus of Edu-Lead as a research entity.

Prof Mentz used the electronic database of the NWU to look at the Masters and PhD studies in 2012, 2013 and 2016. There were 111 studies completed that Prof Mentz investigated in terms of research methodologies. In his informal investigation he however found that chronologically there is a definite move towards the use of qualitative methods.

Quantitative Research is presenting more challenges due to ethical requirements becoming stricter. This might be one reason why it seems as though the popularity of Qualitative Research is on the rise.