

Universitas 21
Meeting No. 19 of the U21 Deans of Education Group
Friday, April 8, 2016
Washington, D.C., USA

REPORT

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Room: Liberty Salon N, Level 4
Time: 8 am to 12 noon

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1. Welcome (Introductions and noting of 2015 Report) – David Clarke

In welcoming U21 colleagues, Professor Clarke noted that the U21 Deans of Education group has now been meeting annually for 17 years and, over this time, has both expanded its level of representation and become fully self-funded. In addition to the 14 U21 Schools of Education represented at the meeting, the regular presence of self-funded guests like Professor Edmonson, and the continued representation of AERA at the meeting confirms the value attached to the U21 Deans of Education meeting as a significant forum for international networking among Schools of Education. Professor Clarke also welcomed Heather Hill and Marian Mahat, members of the leadership team of the Forum for International Networking in Education (FINE), and reminded the meeting that FINE had expanded its mission and community to include early career researchers as well as research students, enlarging the community connected and supported by the FINE leadership team and also greatly increasing the potential continuity of membership of the FINE community.

2. U21 Update Report – Graeme Aitken

Professor Aitken reported on the following:

- The U21 Educational Innovations Conference Oct 26-28, 2016 (Birmingham) “*What is Teaching Excellence in a Research-Intensive University?*” The 2017 conference will be at the Tec de Monterrey.
- U21 Shared Online Course (SOC)
- Teaching Indicators Project & Teaching Practices Survey
- “The Ideal School” Project

3. Report of Doctoral Students 2016 FINE event (Forum for International Networking in Education) – Heather Hill and Marian Mahat

FINE leaders, Heather Hill and Marian Mahat, reported on the forum held on the previous day, April 7, and on initiatives taken by the FINE group over the past 12 months (see report attached as an appendix).

4. Deans’ Roundtable

Brief reports were presented on behalf of each of the participating Schools of Education, supplemented where appropriate with explanatory materials. Several issues of common interest emerged. Reference to STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) was frequent. Other topics raised included “working with government” and the contribution of Schools of Education to policy formulation, particularly in relation to the education and accreditation of teachers.

5. FOCUS DISCUSSION (a panel presentation followed by discussion)

Chair: David Clarke

Topic – University-School Partnerships

Julie Allen: *The University of Birmingham School*

Jennifer Jolly: *The Matraville Education Partnership at the University of New South Wales*

Graeme Aitken and Fiona Ell: *School-University Partnerships at the University of Auckland*

Blye Frank: *School-University Partnerships at UBC*

Rich Schwab: *Sustained and Collaborative Partnership at the Neag School*

Presentations demonstrated the variety of forms taken by university-school partnerships and raised questions about the nature of such partnerships. In particular, questions were raised as to how such partnerships were initiated and who benefited. Points were made regarding the desirability of a

physical university presence at such school sites, the need for schools of education to position themselves “closer to practice” and the need to contest “the theory-practice divide.”

7. Aspiration into Action: Where to from here? (11:30 am to 12 noon)

Possible themes identified as arising from the meeting (whether related to local, national or international political action, authoring papers, or conducting collaborative research) could be clustered under three broad categories:

1. Schools of Education functioning within Universities

- the changing governance of teacher education and higher education more generally
- how the work and needs of Schools that serve both the academic but also vocational can be better embedded into the University structure
- the role of Schools of Education within the University
- the role of schools of education in the professional development of university teachers
- the academic recognition and career progression of teacher educators in research-intensive universities
- sources of funding for Schools of Education

2. Community Engagement and Teacher Education

- a paper on the nature and recognition of clinical work
- the tensions between our community engagement/professional partnership imperatives and the pressure on individual colleagues re promotion/tenure in research-intensive institutions
- the status of teacher education and how to raise it
- establishment of a formal “Initial Teacher Training Global Exchange Network (ITTGEN)
- the 21st Century Value-added Impacts of Schools and Colleges of Education
- the shortage of teachers and difficulty of recruiting quality pre-service STEM teachers

3. Working with Government (influencing policy)

- School of Education impact on policy and practice (esp. via our research)
- communicating with policy makers and the political level of education
- political forces trying to define what is meant by research excellence and research capacity
- the relationship to ministries/government/policy makers: how to be strategic in developing and maintaining these relationships

Some of these items represent initiatives to be undertaken by various U21 Schools of Education, some represent a focus for scholarly work over the next 12 months, and some represent themes to be explored in on-going discussion within the Deans of Education group both during the next 12 months and at next year’s meeting.

8. Next Year’s Meeting

The 2017 U21 Deans of Education meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on April 27, from 8 am to 12 noon. Further details will be circulated towards the end of 2016.

Meeting closed at 12 noon.

David Clarke
July 11, 2016

Other U21 Events at AERA

Friday, April 8

DEANS' DINNER – 7 pm

Capital Grille - 601 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

Tel. (202) 737-6200 – Website: <http://www.thecapitalgrille.com>

Thursday, April 7:

Forum for International Networking in Education (FINE)

Convention Center, Room 145 B, Level One

FINE Dinner – 6:30 pm

Taberna del Alabardero, 1776 I St NW (Restaurant Entrance located on 18th Street, midway between H and, Eye St NW, Washington)

Tel. +1 202-429-2200 – Website: <http://www.alabardero.com>

Saturday, April 9:

FINE Breakfast 1 (7 to 9 am)

Cafe du Parc (located in the Willard Intercontinental Hotel)

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004 |

Phone : (202) 942 7000. Website: <http://www.cafeduparc.com>

Monday, April 11:

FINE Breakfast 2 (7 to 9 am)

Cafe du Parc (located in the Willard Intercontinental Hotel)

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004 |

Phone : (202) 942 7000. Website: <http://www.cafeduparc.com>



The Deans' Dinner

Appendix: Universitas 21 FINE Report 2016

The Forum for International Networking in Education (FINE) continues to coordinate professional and collaborative relationships between Schools of Education in the Universitas 21 institutions from all over the world. FINE began as an international group of postgraduate research students from Universitas 21 Schools of Education who cooperate and collaborate in order to better understand educational issues from a global perspective.

1. Activities/achievements/new developments in 2015/16

- Inclusion of Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
With overwhelming support from the Deans of Education, the FINE group was expanded in late 2015 to include early career researchers in education within the U21 community. The expanded group continues to collaborate on educational opportunities and issues globally.
- New blog site
A new blog site has been launched (<https://u21fine.wordpress.com/>) which replaces the FINE newsletter. It includes posts on FINE Events, Fine Representative Updates, and Careers. Further developments are forthcoming.
- New email domain
A new email domain for the FINE group has been created (fine@universitas21.com). The new email domain provides the FINE group more credibility and will showcase Universitas 21 more prominently in our activities.
- Activities at member institutions
Some member institutions have been actively promoting FINE activities within their institutions. Some examples include the FINE awards at the University of Auckland, and the pre- and post-forum meetings at the University of Edinburgh to discuss challenges and opportunities for graduate students and early career researchers.

2. The FINE Leadership Team

The 2015/16 Fine Leadership Team consists of:

- Emilia Georgiou, The University of Edinburgh
- Heather Hill, Ohio State University
- Yvonne Laird, The University of Edinburgh
- Marian Mahat, The University of Melbourne
- Jennifer Tatebe, University of Auckland



The Leadership Team (from left Emilia Georgiou, Yvonne Laird, Marian Mahat and Heather Hill) with Professor David Clarke (Missing from picture: Jennifer Tatebe)

3. Representatives at member institutions

Name	U21 Institution
Magnus Grahn	Lund University
Jennie Ferris	McGill University
Gloria Yeomans-Maldonado	Ohio State University
Adriana Rojas	Tecnologico de Monterrey
Anna Kelly	University College Dublin
Dillon Landi	University of Auckland
Kumba Jammeh	University of Birmingham
Joseph Kyser	University of British Columbia
Janice Kookon	University of Connecticut
Michele Carilo	University of Edinburgh
Kotryna Fraser	University of Edinburgh
Nancy Njiraini	University of Glasgow
Yunyun Qin	University of Hong Kong
Petker, Gadija	University of Johannesburg
Taylor C. Wood	University of Maryland
Marian Mahat	University of Melbourne
Veronica	University of New South Wales
Fella Lahmar	University of Nottingham
David Andrew Bright	University of Queensland

4. 2016 FINE Forum and Networking events

In April 2016, FINE held three events at the 2016 annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Washington D.C. The FINE Forum, held on Thursday April 7th, was the flagship event and was attended by 28 students and staff from 11 institutions.

The broad theme of the Forum was ‘Mobilizing knowledge and networks to drive education change’. An international panel provided presentations around the theme of the forum, followed by a panel discussion of approximately 40 minutes. The international speakers and their accompanying presentations were as follows:

- Dr Rowena Arshad - Consideration for promotion/continuation and tenure
- Professor David Clarke - Strategic networking: Creating sustainable international research communities.
- Dr Laura Tuohilampi - Finding mentors, community, and solidarity within faculty
- Professor James Conroy - Being a public academic: Engaging with the community and raising your profile

Based on the success of the previous forum, the second part of the forum focused on the *UnConference* session. The goal of the session was to provide participants with an opportunity to shape the content and focus of discussion and to leverage the expertise of those present. A survey was sent to forum attendees in advance of the event, and discussions at the concurrent sessions were centred on five themes. Participants were also asked to come up with a number of action items and/or reflections at the end of the discussion.

- International Perspectives
- Reflection & Reflexivity
- Preparation
- Employment Opportunities
- Professional Practice



2016 Forum for International Networking in Education in Washington D.C.

Forum attendees reconvened for dinner after the Forum at Taberna del Alabardero. In addition, two FINE breakfast meetings were held on April 9 and 11, attended by 32 and 14 participants respectively.



Forum dinner at Taberna del Alabardero (April 7)



FINE breakfast at Cafe Du Parc at The Willard Intercontinental Hotel (April 9 and 11)

5. Next steps

In collaboration with students and staff within the FINE network, the FINE Leadership Team is committed to:

- 1) focusing our efforts into getting more early career researchers involved in the network through developing more targeted events and developing a database of ECRs;
- 2) expanding the FINE presence at other major conferences such as ECER, EARLI and AARE;
- 3) investigating the feasibility of developing a database of student and ECR members and their research to encourage collaboration and networking; and
- 4) enhancing our online presence through developing further the contents and structure of the recently launched FINE blog site, the Universitas 21 webpage, and other networking and social media.

6. Conclusion

It is very encouraging to see continued high levels of interest and engagement within the FINE network. For the last five years, the FINE forum event at each year's AERA conference has consistently been attended by approximately 30 FINE members and 3-5 Deans from across the network. The quality of the forum and networking is evident from the continued attendance of 'returning' FINE members. The FINE Leadership team would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the U21 Deans of Education for supporting our activities throughout the year. Our deepest gratitude also goes to Professor David Clarke for his ongoing support and mentorship.

The FINE Leadership Team

Marian Mahat
 Emilia Georgiou
 Heather Hill
 Yvonne Laird
 Jennifer Tatebe
 April 2016