

## EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

### Special Interest Group (SIG) for Educational Management, Leadership, Law and Policy Studies

#### Minutes of the founding meeting held on 10 January 2017 at 16:30 at Khaya Ibhubezi, Parys, during the EASA 2017 conference hosted by Northwest University

1	<b>OPENING PRESENTATION</b>	Prof Charl Wolhuter introduced the revival and re-constitution of the SIG for Educational Management, Leadership, Law and Policy Studies with the presented a paper entitled 'Reviving Educational Management, Leadership, Law and Policy Studies with impact-making research'.	<b>All</b>
2	<b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER</b>	Attendees completed an attendance register, attached to the minutes as annexure A	
3	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	None - founding meeting	<b>None</b>

4	<b>WELCOME and ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<p>Prof Jan Heystek, on behalf of the EASA executive committee, formally welcomed all to the founding / revival meeting of the EASA Special Interest Group for Educational Management, Leadership, Law and Policy Studies. He mentioned that the fields of management, leadership, law and policy are natural bedfellows - a fact that is recognised by the EASA Exco proposal for the revival of this (and 4 other) SIG's.</p> <p>He explained the order of business for the meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion of the rules for the composition and founding of SIG's</li> <li>2. Discussion of the role and functions of SIG's</li> <li>3. The election of functionaries - chairperson and secretary</li> </ol>	<p><b>JH</b> <b>All</b></p>
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5	<p><b>RULES FOR THE COMPOSITION and FOUNDING OF SIG's</b></p>	<p>Prof Heystek reviewed the rules for the founding and composition of SIG's, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership of SIG's is restricted to full members of EASA</li> <li>• A Chair and a secretary for each SIG must be elected by those present at the founding meeting</li> <li>• An attendance register must be circulated</li> <li>• Attendees must discuss and record the possible roles and functions of the SIG</li> <li>• SIG's through the Chairs must contribute to the bi-annual EASA newsletter</li> <li>• Arrangements must be made for members of the SIG to remain in contact with one another and the SIG chair and secretary</li> </ul>	<p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
6	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIR and SECRETARY</b></p>	<p>Proposals for the position of Chair and secretary were invited.</p> <p>Prof Wolhuter proposed Dr Eric Eberlein as secretary for the SIG - seconded by Dr H van Vuuren. Dr Eberlein accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received - Dr Eberlein was</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>

		<p>confirmed as secretary.</p> <p>Dr van Vuuren proposed Prof Jan Heystek as Chair - seconded by Dr V Chikoko. Prof Heystek accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Prof Heystek was confirmed by unanimous vote as Chair of the SIG.</p>	
7	<b>ROLES and FUNCTIONS of the SIG</b>	<p>A discussion of the roles and functions of the SIG highlighted the following:</p> <p><b>RESEARCH</b> - one of the primary roles and functions of the SIG is to both promote and conduct high quality and impactful research in the field of education management, leadership, law and policy studies. The SIG should investigate the possibility of publishing the findings of SIG related research in for example a special edition of an appropriate journal, and should also consider the publishing of scholarly books with SIG members as editors and contributors. The SIG could also disseminate the findings of research via seminars and workshops for academics and practitioners in the SIG's field of interest.</p>	

		<p><b>DATA BASE</b> - the SIG could serve as a data base of contact details and fields of specialisation for its members, who would then have access to this information when the time comes to select appropriate external examiners for masters and PhD students. The data base could also serve to put academics with similar fields of interest within the SIG in contact with one another with a view to collaborative research, post-graduate supervision and publication.</p> <p><b>NETWORKING and COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE</b> - the SIG could serve as a platform for contact with other SIG's as well as with education unions the South African Principals Association etc., and could serve as a the foundation for the establishing of an education management, leadership, law and policy community of practice both within South Africa and also beyond her borders.</p> <p><b>COMMENT and DISSEMINATION OF EXPERTISE</b> - the SIG could serve as a mouthpiece for EASA and for education in general on matters related to education management, leadership, law and policy, and could provide expert commentary and opinions on topical matters to the press and other stake holders in the field of education.</p>	
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		<p><b>INTERNATIONALISATION</b> - the SIG could serve as a central point for the dissemination of and research and information related to education management, leadership, law and policy from and within South Africa, Africa and beyond. The SIG could also serve to strengthen the education management, leadership, law and policy ties between and broaden the knowledge and understanding of South Africa and its immediate and not-so-immediate neighbours.</p> <p><b>PROMOTION of THE FIELD</b> - the SIG could serve as a mechanism for the promotion and popularisation of education management, leadership, law and policy as a field of interest within education and as a field of study and research with an enormous potential for positive impact in education, both in South Africa and on the rest of the continent.</p>	
8	<b>AMENDMENT of the COMPOSITION of the SIG</b>	<p>Prof Wolhuter proposed the inclusion of comparative and international education in the SIG - this proposal was seconded by Dr Eberlein. The name of the SIG will thus change to <i>EASA SIG for Education Management, Leadership, Law, Policy Studies and Comparative and International Education</i></p>	<b>All</b>

9	<b>CLOSURE</b>	<p>Prof Jan Heystek closed the meeting with an undertaking to prepare a statement for the press on behalf of the SIG on the recently released South African matric results.</p> <p>The secretary will prepare and distribute the minutes of the meeting and attend to the inclusion of the SIG on the EASA website.</p>	
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**Prof J Heystek**

**Chair: EASA SIG for Education Management, Leadership, Law, Policy Studies and Comparative and International Education**

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