THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION:

A STUDY OF DEGREE OF AGREEMENT ON ACTUAL AND IDEAL ROLE OF DIRECTORS OF ADULT EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS PERCEIVED BY DEANS OF INSTRUCTION, DIRECTORS OF STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES, AND DIRECTORS OF ADULT EDUCATION

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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

Significant aspects of higher education in America were imported from Europe. Two such aspects were the M.A. and Ph.D. programs, both important components in university and senior college education in America.

One aspect of higher education which is uniquely American is the comprehensive community college. The community college has reflected America's democratic ideals by making additional educational opportunities available to more people than otherwise could be made. Community college activities have included community development programs, adult basic education, vocational-technical curricula, and college parallel courses. Adult basic education curriculum has been designed to aid undereducated adults. Community development programs have included general interest, non-credit courses for adults. College parallel courses have been offered as part of the community college curriculum to assist those who otherwise, due to financial and other considerations, would be unable to attend college.

From 1921 to 1959, the number of public community colleges in America grew from 69 to 390. The enrollment reached a point in excess of 500,000. President Truman's
Commission on Higher Education (1947:67) stated:

As one means of achieving the expansion of educational opportunity and the diversification of educational offerings it considers necessary, this commission recommends that the number of community colleges be increased and that their activities be multiplied.

From 1959 to 1969, the number of public two-year colleges grew from 390 to 794; further, enrollment jumped from 551,760 to 2,051,493 (Koltai 1971).\(^1\) As the twentieth century began to emerge as an age of increased complexity, the necessity of increasing accessibility of higher education to greater numbers of people became apparent. The two-year community college has made increased educational offerings available to more people and, as stated by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education (1970:1), "... the community college has proved its great worth to American society."

North Carolina is one of many states committed to the philosophy of offering, at a nominal cost, educational opportunities to fill the gap between the high school and the senior college and university. Although a post-secondary two-year institution was established in Asheville, North Carolina in the 1920's, the present community college

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\(^1\)The latest figures available from AACJC indicate the number of public two-year colleges grew from 794 in 1959 to 933 in 1973; enrollment increased from 2,051,493 to 3,014,211.
system was created by the General Assembly in 1963. General Statute 115A, as amended, provided:

... for the establishment, organization, and administration of a system of educational institutions throughout the State offering courses of instruction in one or more of the general areas of two-year college parallel, technical, vocational, and adult education programs (Biennial Report, 1970-1972).

In 1961, there were 16 fully operational public industrial education centers (of which two others were in the planning stage), five community colleges, and five extension units. In 1963, with the exception of three of the five community colleges, these came under the supervision of the newly created Department of Community Colleges. From 1964-1973, the number of two-year institutions grew from 23 to 56--40 technical institutes and 16 community colleges. (Educational Guide 1970-71). The Educational Guide (1970-71:3) stated:

These institutes are non-resident, multi-purpose, and community centered. They extend educational opportunity to the high school graduate as well as to any person who is 18 years old or older who is not a high school graduate.

The North Carolina Community College System Biennial Report (1970-72:1-2), listed the following goals to assist in long-range planning:

1. To open the door of each institution to all persons of eligible age, who show an interest in and who can profit from the instruction
offered, with no individual denied an educational opportunity because of race, sex, or creed.

2. To provide a variety of quality post-secondary educational opportunities below the baccalaureate level and consistent with the abilities, desires, and needs of the students to fit them with the skills, competencies, knowledge, and attitudes necessary in a competitive society.

3. To provide for industry, agriculture, business, government, and service occupations the preservice and in-service manpower training that requires less than baccalaureate level preparation.

4. To provide specific training programs designed to assist in fostering and inducing orderly accelerated economic growth in the State.

5. To provide activities and learning opportunities which meet the adult education and community service needs of the residents of the community served by an institution.

6. To direct the resources of the Community College System toward a search for solutions to urgent community problems.
Establishment of the Position of Director of Adult Education

With full development of the comprehensive community college, several staff leadership positions have emerged. These include Deans of Instruction, Directors of Adult Education, Directors of Student Personnel Services, among others. The number of full-time instructional non-teaching positions, which included deans of instruction, directors of educational programs such as adult education, and directors of student personnel services, grew from 65 in 1963-64 to 467 in 1969-70. *(North Carolina Community System Report, 1963-1970:9.)*

One of these administrative positions was the Director of Adult Education. General Statute 115A, as amended, provides for a Director and Assistant Director of Adult Education, whose responsibilities include the development of adult basic education, adult high school education, general adult education, and community educational services. Additionally, the directors play a vital role in implementing long-range goals by making the institution and community aware of each other's responsibilities in helping to solve society's problems; by encouraging the use of resources of the community in the adult education program; and by developing programs which meet the needs of the community. *(See Appendix B for a job description of a director of adult*
education.) This research study will deal with the role of the community college Director of Adult Education.

**Statement of the Problem and Purpose of the Study**

The research problem for this study was to determine the degree of agreement on actual and ideal roles of the Director of Adult Education in North Carolina's community colleges as perceived by three role-defining groups: deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and incumbents.

To fulfill more completely its role in offering educational programs such as liberal arts education for those not going beyond the community college, vocational training, special interest courses for adults, the state of North Carolina adopted an open-door policy. The North Carolina Community College System Report 1963-70 (1970:1) stated:

> To accomplish this purpose the doors of each institution must be open to all persons of suitable age who are interested in and can profit from the instruction offered, with no one denied an educational opportunity because of race, sex, or creed.

It would seem that this philosophy substantively supports the concept of equal educational opportunity for the citizens of the state. If the North Carolina community college system is to succeed in its purpose, it would seem a comprehensive adult education program is needed.
The Director of Adult Education is the principal administrator for development and implementation of adult programs. Although role studies of occupational directors (Morgan, 1971); vocational teachers (Sutker, 1967); conference coordinators (Leathers, 1964); adult educators in Canada (Sharples, 1969); adult administrators in the public schools in the United States (Madry, 1963); and agricultural extension agents (Job, 1965), have been conducted, the literature does not reveal that a study of the roles of Director of Adult Education in public community colleges in North Carolina, or elsewhere, has been attempted. Thus, it seemed that a need to identify the role(s) of Directors of Adult Education existed. Several factors precipitated this need: projected increase in community college enrollments, increased age of students enrolling in community colleges, increased involvement of the community college with the community, and increased emphasis on occupational and professional renewal.

It was believed that such a study may contribute to a clearer understanding of the responsibilities of the Adult Education Director. Further, it was believed that this clearer understanding would reduce frustrations and tensions which arise over role conflict. An atmosphere of
misunderstanding may lessen the total effectiveness of the director and, ultimately, the adult program.

**Significance of the Study**

According to Coolie (1970), no problem in education is more severe than the need to provide programs of education to millions of American adults. Yet, the dimensions of this field and the roles of those who direct such programs are not fully understood. Seemingly, much of the work has been done by a handful of trained administrators and transient teachers. In the course of casual dialogue with several present and former incumbents in the position of Director of Adult Education, it seemed apparent that they were viewed as "mavericks" by many of their professional colleagues, as well as by themselves. They likewise felt that other college officials perceived they were on the periphery of the center of college activity. Another observation made by those interviewed was an apparent self-imposed isolation from the rest of the college's activities and procedures. Those interviewed indicated this was perhaps a protective mechanism to ensure that registration, instruction, admission and other operating procedures for the adult program did not become encumbered in traditional college operating procedures. One might hypothesize that this self-imposed isolation could be a hindrance. That is, fewer people
understand the role(s) assigned to the Director of Adult Education or the problems or purposes. They, therefore, may offer less cooperation when needed. It would seem, then, that a better understanding of the role(s) of Director of Adult Education as perceived by other selected college administrative officials might be significant. Further, the growth in adult activities, and subsequent decreased enrollment in traditional, liberal arts programs, may lead to conflict between the Directors of Adult Education and other officials within the institution. Bushnell (1973:135) stated:

While enrollment in four-year institutions of higher education will even out or decline during the decade, community college enrollments will continue to climb, reaching a level of 4.5 million full- and part-time students, by 1980. Students will be older, more self-directed, and more certain of their career interests.

He further commented:

... that the wave of the future for community colleges will be to serve all adults, not just the traditional college-age student. College presidents, [other] administrators, and even state legislators must come to recognize that adults impose a different set of demands.

These demands by adults include flexible teaching methods, meaningful, applicable educational experiences, a variety of
program presentations--forum, discussion group, symposium, workshop, seminar--and, self-directed learning. One might postulate that in attempting to offer programs that meet these demands, the Director of Adult Education creates conflict with other more traditional programs offered by the institution. Because of the projected increase in enrollment in the adult program in community colleges, and the apparent conflict with the institution's other activities, Raines and Myran (1972:58) indicated the:

. . . entire college staff will need to develop increased interest and capacity to serve our new constituencies; senior citizens, ethnic minorities, women, low-income groups, handicapped persons, institutionalized persons, and so on. The community college is being challenged to move from its preoccupation with college-age students to a concern for lifelong learning. This concern will be expressed by serving the unique educational needs of members of constituencies who previously were given only marginal attention. Community involvement as an instrumentality for institutional and professional renewal is an idea whose time has come for the community college.

Implicit in the growth of adult programs is the need for change in curriculum, admission policies, and operating procedures for two-year institutions. Gleazer (1973:239) stated:

Community colleges are doing more than respond to change--they influence the direction of change in our society by the priorities they establish . . . a kind of people's college, and educational resource center for the community, a liberating means for people in a society where opportunity of education means opportunity to live as a person.
In many instances, the current focal point for these changes apparently is the adult program. This assumption is based on the number of returning veterans who have, in large numbers, selected community colleges, the involvement of business and industry in re-training programs, the flexibility in scheduling that the adult program offers, and the non-traditional approach of adult education.

Limitations of the Study

1. The study was limited to the 16 community colleges in North Carolina (See Appendix D for a list of the institutions). Generalizations of the findings to institutions outside of North Carolina should be made with caution.

2. The information compiled for this study was limited to three reference groups--deans of instruction, directors for student personnel services, and directors of adult education.

3. The number of role activity statements could have been infinite; however, based on a review of the literature, the opinion of a panel of experts, and a pilot study, 58 were selected.

4. The panel of experts (14) was limited to individuals with backgrounds in adult education.
Definition of Terms

Director of Adult Education - the official of the institution responsible for the development of all adult education, including adult basic education, adult high school, general adult education, and community services programs (Administrative Memoranda, 1968).

Dean of Instruction - the official of the institution responsible to the president for the total instructional program of an institution (Administrative Memoranda, 1968).

Director of Student Personnel Services - the official of the institution responsible for the function of student recruitment, preparation evaluation, counseling, placement, activities, services, registration, records (North Carolina Community College System Report, 1963-76).

Community College/Technical Institute - an educational institution operating under the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 115A, and which offers the freshman and sophomore courses of a college of arts and sciences, organized curricula for the training of technicians, occupational curricula and extension courses and programs, and courses in general adult education (Administrative Memoranda, 1968).
Adult education program - programs developed specifically for the adult population within a community and based on their interests and needs. Adult education is specifically concerned with those programs which are not structured into curriculum format (Administrative Memoranda, 1968). Adult education is often used synonymously with continuing education.

Role - a pattern of behavior that is associated with a focal position in a social system (Broom and Selznick, 1963).

Actual Role - observed pattern of behavior of an occupant of a focal position. This is a general definition used for the purpose of this study.

Role Behavior - recurring actions of an individual, appropriately interrelated with the repetitive activities of others so as to yield a predictable outcome (Katz and Kahn, 1966).

Role Conflict - that situation in which an incumbent of a particular position finds himself in contradictory role expectations (Lindzey and Aronson, 1968).

Role Congruency - a situation in which an incumbent ... perceives that the same ... expectations are held for him (Biddle and Thomas, 1966). For this study the degree of agreement among the role-defining groups with respect to the function of the Director of Adult Education.
Role-defining groups - officials of the college with whom the Director of Adult Education interacts--dean of instruction and director of student personnel services.

Ideal Role - desired pattern of behavior of the occupant of a focal position. This is a general definition used for the purpose of this study.

Perception - ways in which an individual receives, identifies, and interprets the behavior and actions of other individuals (Katz and Kahn, 1966); in this case, how the reference group views the role of the Director of Adult Education.

Administration - for the purpose of this study administration is divided into the following areas:

Planning - studying and assessing needs, both for the institution and the community, and making tentative plans based on these needs.

Organizing - identifying and arranging the human, physical, and fiscal resources for the work of the organization; employment of staff, establishing employee relationships.

Promoting - informing the general public of the activities of the institution through newspaper, radio, television, and other media.

Supervising - overseeing the instructional program, assisting in building good morale, providing for in-service education for the staff.
Managing - conducting the day-to-day activities of the organization other than the instructional program, handling the budget, allocating resources, giving direction on where the organization is going, making decisions.

Controlling - assessing programs, evaluating, putting data together for the chief administrative officer.

Research Hypotheses

Perception was defined as ways in which an individual receives, identifies, and interprets the behavior and actions of other individuals. The present investigation was concerned with how the three role-defining groups perceive the actual and ideal role of Directors of Adult Education.

![Diagram]

Figure 1

The following null hypotheses were selected for testing:

1. There is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the actual role behavior for the Director of Adult Education.
2. There is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the ideal role behavior for the Director of Adult Education.

3. Within the incumbent (director of adult education) role-defining group, there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:
   (a) Planning
   (b) Organizing
   (c) Promoting
   (d) Supervising
   (e) Managing
   (f) Controlling

4. Within the dean of instruction role-defining group, there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:
   (a) Planning
   (b) Organizing
   (c) Promoting
   (d) Supervising
   (e) Managing
   (f) Controlling

5. Within the director of student personnel services role-defining group, there is no
significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:
(a) Planning
(b) Organizing
(c) Promoting
(d) Supervising
(e) Managing
(f) Controlling

Summary
The unprecedented growth in student enrollment in two-year post-secondary institutions in the United States created the development of community programs, adult basic education courses, vocational-technical curricula, and college parallel programs of study.

This expansion in program offerings has led to the establishment of several staff positions, one of which is the Director of Adult Education. This study is concerned with the actual and ideal role(s) of Directors of Adult Education in the community colleges of North Carolina as perceived by other role-identifiers with whom they interact.

It is believed this study will contribute to a better understanding of the role(s) of the Directors and lead to a lessening of frustration and tension which may
arise over role conflict. Further, it is believed this study will lead to a better understanding of what roles a Director should perform to function more effectively.
CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Chapter I was an introduction to the study, a statement of the problem, and a summary of the significance of the research. Chapter II includes the conceptual framework and review of literature.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Role Theory

The theoretical framework for this study was drawn from the field of sociology and, more specifically, role theory. According to Sutker (1967), the value of role as a concept is that it serves as an organizing tool for research. Selected concepts from role theory for this study were role, role conflict, role behavior, role expectations, and role congruence. This study focused on the role(s) of Directors of Adult Education as perceived by the deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services and incumbents.

The sixteen (16) community colleges in North Carolina comprise the social system for the study. Guba and Bidwell (1957:7) defined social system as:

The actions of members of the enterprise . . . must be contained within limits set by the nature of the specific task of the enterprise. From this fact arises the necessity of the restrictive nature of the organizational expectations. A staff member's behavior must
conform within fairly narrow limits, to those specifications which will enable the enterprise to move toward its goals. Equally important, his behavior must be coordinated with the actions of the organization. Conflicting actions lead to organizational impotence.

Getzels (1969:461) stated:

Specifically with respect to education, for one purpose a given community may be considered a social system, with education a particular institution within this system; for another purpose the school itself (or a single classroom within the school) may be conceived as a social system.

As additional responsibilities are assigned to a position with a system, individuals occupying the position may interact more frequently with significant others,¹ which include, for this study, deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and incumbents.

In 1972, a reorganization in the Community College System in North Carolina placed all non-degree and non-curriculum programs under the Office of Continuing Education. The component parts of this office include: (1) Adult Services; (2) Specialty Education Programs; (3) Industrial Services; (4) Manpower Development Training. This reorganization gave added responsibility, prestige, and commitment to the broad range of continuing education and, more specifically, to adult education. Cooie (1970) stated that a relevant problem to be researched in adult education is the role

¹Significant others - these include other staff leadership positions such as Registrar, Admissions, Occupational Education Director, and Division Heads.
and function of adult educators. This researcher's study, hopefully, will contribute to the literature of adult education.

Role

While it is true that role is defined variously by psychologists, sociologists, historians, and educators, there would appear to be some commonalities among all groups.

Charters (1963:788) stated:

... the concept of role stresses the influence of contemporaneous forces arising in the person's immediate social environment to impress his behavior. It designates, in particular, the force constituted by expectations on a person which are held by significant others in his milieu. The person lives in an environment in which other people around him expect him to be (and not be) a certain kind of person or expect him to behave (and not behave) in certain ways...

Chaplin (1968) in the Dictionary of Psychology, defined role as "an individual's function or part in a group or institution" and for "the function or behavior which is expected of an individual or is characteristic of him."

Sarbin (1954:225) defined role in the following way:

B performs one or a number of discrete acts which A observes and organizes into a concept, a role. On the basis of this conceptualization of the actions of B, A expects certain further actions from B... Once having located or named the position of the other, A performs certain acts which have been learned as belonging to the reciprocal position; these acts are conceptualized as A's role.

A Study Related to Role

Kinney (1952) and Fishburn (1955) developed six classifications of roles of teachers. These include:
1. Director of learning
2. Guidance and counseling person
3. Mediator of the culture
4. Member of the school and community
5. Liaison between school and community
6. Member of the profession

In his study of these role behavior activities, Fishburn asked teachers to rank the six areas cited above in order of importance. Teachers ranked them in the following order:

1. Mediator of the culture
2. Member of the community
3. Director of learning
4. Guidance counseling person
5. Liaison between school and community
6. Member of the profession

The same questionnaire was submitted to administrators, with different results. For example, the administrators ranked as number one the liaison between school and community, but the teachers ranked it as fifth; the administrators ranked mediator of the culture sixth while the teachers ranked it first. In short, there appeared to be incongruency among teachers and administrators in their perception of the teacher's role. The study conducted by Fishburn would seem to have a relationship to this study. In
his investigation, there appeared to be a need for teachers and administrators to work together rather than at cross-purposes.

An assumption is made that other college officials with whom the Director of Adult Education interacts on a day-to-day basis do not fully understand his role. Therefore, conflict may arise over this lack of understanding. Consequently, this study is designed to indicate more clearly what the role of the Director is and/or should be.

**Role Expectations**

A second concept selected for this study was role expectation. Since Directors of Adult Education interact with significant others in the college, (dean of instruction, director of student personnel services, other directors), it seemed appropriate to include what was expected of them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Charter (1968:773) maintained:

(Role) expectations are products of group interaction, that [sic] different groups of people . . . may define . . . in different ways, and that [sic] a person's perception of the expectations in even his own group are not necessarily veridical.

Sarbin and Allen (1968:497-498) defined role expectations:

. . . comprised of the rights and privileges, the duties and obligations, of any occupant of a social
position in relation to persons occupying other positions in the social structure.

Sarbin further stated:

... a person's conduct takes into account the role behaviors of occupants of other positions, the specific nature of the conduct varying with the position held by the other person. Role expectations ... are collections of cognitions - beliefs, subjective probabilities, and elements of knowledge - which specify in relation to complementary roles the rights and duties, the appropriate conduct, for persons occupying a particular position.

Bidwell (1955:41) stated:

Role expectations allow alter [other self] to predict the behavior of ego and act toward ego in an appropriate way. It is impossible for an integrated social system to function unless such predictions are possible, since, there being no secure basis for his actions toward ego, such action becomes difficult at best ... One source of disturbance ... is perception by teachers of administrative behavior [other] than that defined by the role-expectations. The teachers will be unable to predict accurately the behavior of their administrators, and they will be unable to act effectively toward them in the administrative situation.

Katz and Kahn (1966) stated that because people within a role set are dependent on others in some fashion, they develop certain attitudes and come to expect different forms of behavior. Thus, role expectations become "evaluative standards applied to the behavior of any person who occupies a given organizational office or position."

An incumbent who occupies a focal position must be concerned with how others perceive his behavior. As the Director of Adult Education interacts with other college officials, he should consider the consequences of being
indifferent to what they expect his behavior to be. To do otherwise might make it difficult for him to pursue his goals. Concomitant with this, the Director should be willing to conform to some degree to what is expected of him by others. One purpose of this study is to attempt to determine what other college officials, the reference group, expect of the Director of Adult Education.

**Role Conflict**

A third role theory concept selected for this study was role conflict. It would seem appropriate to assume that the Director of Adult Education, in the course of his behavior and interaction with others, is subject to conflicting strains, pressure, and expectations. Thus, it is felt that this is an appropriate concept to use in this study.

Broom and Selznick (1963:18) stated that strains and inconsistencies are built into an incumbent's role. They further said:

His role involves him in relations that make demands upon him, limit the alternatives he can choose, and create the problems he must try to solve.

An occupant of a focal position could find himself in a situation in which he is faced with incompatible expectations. Thus, the Director could find himself confronted with different expectations from each member of the reference group.
Katz and Kahn (1966:184-185) identified several different role conflicts:

1. Intrasender - the expectations from a single member of a role set may be incompatible;
2. Intersender - expectations sent from one sender are in conflict with those from one or more other senders;
3. Interrole - occurs whenever the sent expectations for one role are in conflict with those for another role played by the same person;
4. Person-role - occurs when role requirements violate the needs, value, or capacities of the focal person.

For the purpose of this study, intersender role conflict would appear to have more application than the others. Though the employment of a Director of Adult Education is usually by either the president or dean of instruction of an institution, each of these may have different expectations of the director's role. It would also appear that directors of student personnel services and directors of adult education may hold dissimilar views regarding the functions and responsibilities of the Director.

Another view of role conflict was that offered by Merton (1957:376), who held that it can be a positive force rather than negative:
As long as members of the role set are happily ignorant that their demands upon the occupants of a status are incompatible, each member may press his own case upon the status-occupants. The pattern is then many against one. But when it is made plain that the demands of some members of the role-set are in full contradiction with the demands of other members, it becomes the task of the role-set, rather than the task of the status-occupant, to resolve these contradictions, either by a struggle for exclusive power or by some degree of compromise. As the conflict becomes abundantly manifest, the pressure upon the status-occupant becomes temporarily relieved.

Thus, according to Merton, conflict can be advantageous to the incumbent.

Role Behavior

A fourth role theory concept selected for this study was role behavior. Katz and Kahn (1966:174) defined role behavior as:

...role behavior refers to the recurring actions of an individual, appropriately interrelated with the repetitive activities of others so as to yield a predictable outcome.

Gross, et al. (1957) defined behavior "as being an actual performance of an incumbent of a position which can be referred to as an expectation for an incumbent of that position."

Corey (1965:3-7) in a role study of school superintendents, stated that the behavior of the incumbent is a determining influence in such areas as maintaining the instructional program of the schools; managing the process of administration; providing an example to the community;
reconciling conflicting points of view; and, in short, being a businessman, teacher, politician, and philosopher. His actions will determine, to a large extent, how successful he is in each of the role areas.

It, therefore, appeared that the use of role behavior in this study was an appropriate aid in determining the actual and ideal role of Directors of Adult Education as perceived by the reference group (deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services). It was a goal of this study to determine what recurring functions emerge for the Director that will better determine his behavioral role within the college.

**Role Congruence**

The final role theory concept believed useful for this study was role congruence. This is the opposite of role conflict, wherein members of the reference group may view the role of the Director differently. Gross, et al. (1958) defined congruency as "the full assumption . . . that full agreement exists among members of some defining population on the expectations they apply to occupants of a social position."

Herein, role congruence refers to the degree of agreement among the reference group with regard to its
perception of the actual and ideal role of the Director of Adult Education.

Katz and Kahn (1966:182) developed a role episode that seems helpful in understanding role theory. This episode was based on four concepts:

Role expectations - evaluative standards applied to the behavior of any person who occupies a given organizational office or position;

Sent role - consists of communications stemming from role expectations and sent by members of the role set as attempts to influence the focal person;

Received role - the focal person's perception of the role sendings addressed to him, including those he "sends" to himself;

Role behavior - the response of the focal person to the complex of information and influence he has received.

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A model of the role episode (Adapted from Katz and Kahn, 1966.)

Figure 2
This model could be applied to the Director of Adult Education in that he is expected to behave in certain ways in fulfilling his responsibilities. Each member of the reference group possesses different expectations of his behavior. The Director may draw upon these expectations and, along with his own ideas, develop a pattern of behavior.

Summary

Social roles become a pervasive part of any social system. These may be acquired in a variety of ways and may differ in the nature of their expectations and the manner in which they are carried out. But roles are a part of organized social life for several reasons: a person occupying a position learns to understand what is expected of him; the roles serve to assist persons in understanding how others perceive the actions of those in a social position; and roles further aid in predicting the actions of others in the social system. In this study, role was defined as an expected pattern of behavior applied to an occupant of a position. This investigation was an attempt to determine what may be the functional tasks of the Director of Adult Education.

Role conflict and role congruency were thought to be factors in developing a role model for Directors of Adult Education. It was felt that if agreement in this study is
not found among the role behavior items, it may be that individuals who occupy the focal position may need to adjust their behavior in order to comply with the role requirements.

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outside demands; insecurity resulting from marginality reinforces this sensitivity, and open-ended purpose encourages it.

The importance of other directed orientation is evidenced by the administrative duties that are deemed most significant. Administrative duties may be divided into three categories: routine school administration, selection, training, and supervision of teachers, and community relations. Overriding the internal duties in importance is the work outside the schools.

For several reasons, Clark's study seems applicable to this study. Adult education programs cannot always be packaged for presentation to a captive audience; therefore, there needs to be a forceful selling job to maintain a high level of enrollment. In many instances, adult programs will draw upon the community to a greater degree than will some of the college's other activities. Additionally, adult administrators will tend to be more sensitive to the needs of their clientele than to established procedures for the rest of the college.

Chamberlain (1960:78-83) studied ninety (90) leaders in the field of adult education and derived the following profile:

1. Believe in the potentiality of growth of most people;

2. Understand the conditions under which adults learn and the motivations which bring them to his program of adult education;
3. Have a strong commitment to adult education and develops a knowledge of the structure and organization of the community in order to develop adult programs;

4. Maintain an open mind;

5. Believe in freedom of thought and expression and carries on personal learning himself;

6. Prefer a dynamic field of adult education.

Damon (1961:6) grouped the responsibilities of directors of adult education into the following areas: planning and publicizing of adult education program(s); hiring instructors; working with community leaders; aiding organizations to determine education needs of adults; managing fiscal affairs; and supervising staff. These responsibilities are also some of the responsibilities of the Directors of Adult Education in North Carolina's community colleges. One purpose of this investigation was to attempt to determine the importance of these and other responsibilities as perceived by the reference group. (See Appendix B)

London (1956) studied the duties and responsibilities of adult administrators. These duties and responsibilities include routine school administration; maintenance of attendance records; preparation of budget, collection of tuition fees; selection and supervision of teachers; and public relations. Cabe and Dillon (1956) in their study of
selected adult education administrators in Michigan indicated that a primary responsibility of the director was service to his clientele. Much of the servicing centered on program promotion and selling.

Madry (1963), in his study of the functions of adult education directors in the United States, identified the following as categories of responsibility: finance and business management, facilities and equipment, school-community relations, community services, program evaluation, student services and research, instructional services, staff personnel, program planning and development. Madry designed his research instrument by employing a panel of experts (15) to make comments on his questionnaire. After inclusion of their remarks, Madry mailed the final instrument to 200 directors of adult education in public school systems in the United States. The results were based on a return of 140 (70%) of the questionnaires.

A technique similar to Madry's was utilized for this study. A questionnaire was submitted to a panel of experts, each of whom was a recognized authority in the field of adult education. These jurists were asked to place role activity statements in one of four selected role areas and then to rank simultaneously the statement in order of importance. Based on their replies, a final instrument was designed.
Christopher (1966) conducted a study of teacher attitudes toward vocational and adult education in junior colleges in Wyoming. Of the 135 respondents, 74% felt their schools had a responsibility for vocational-technical education; 10% felt that such programs lessened the prestige of the schools; 4% said junior colleges had no responsibility in the area of adult, vocational-technical education. The majority felt their schools involvement in vocational-technical education could be increased.

Sharples (1969) in his study of directors of adult education in Canada's public schools found that directors perceive their primary responsibilities to be with the internal duties of the adult program rather than the work (such as public relations) required outside the schools.

In a study of role and role conflicts of vocational teachers in Oklahoma, Sutker, et al. (1967:186-188) discovered:

There tends to be better agreement between . . . what vocational teachers should do than regarding what they actually do.

Findings from the study indicate that the longer vocational teachers stay on the job, the more satisfied they are likely to be—even though a fairly high potential for role conflict may exist.

The authors concluded:

Further work utilizing role conceptualizations appears to be justified in terms of the insights such studies can provide regarding the behaviors and problems of a particular collectivity of persons such as
vocational teachers. The concept of role can be operationalized [sic] and the results of studies of this type can be translated into meaningful action.

**Summary**

The literature indicated several areas of responsibilities for the adult education administrator. These included: public relations, employing instructors, budget planning, maintenance of routine records, and evaluation of programs, among others. It was felt these were also responsibilities of the Director of Adult Education in the 16 community colleges in North Carolina.

The focus of this study was the role(s) of the Director of Adult Education in the 16 community colleges in North Carolina. Within the hierarchy of each institution, two other positions were selected to aid in determining the actual and ideal role behavior of the director. These were deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services.

A review of the literature also indicated several interpretations of the administrative role for the position of Director of Adult Education. Those selected for this study were (1) planning; (2) organizing; (3) promoting; (4) supervising; (5) managing; (6) controlling. In addition to a review of the literature, role behavior statements in these six role areas were selected on the basis
of recommendations by a panel of experts and ideas from a test sample.
CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY

The preceding chapters dealt with a review of the literature, the conceptual framework, and an overview of the problem. This chapter is a restatement of the research hypotheses and an examination of the sample population, the research questions, and the methods for collecting and interpreting data.

Research Hypotheses

The following null hypotheses were selected for testing:

1. There is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the actual role behavior for the director of adult education.

2. There is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the ideal role behavior for the director of adult education.

3. Within the incumbent role-defining group, there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:
   (a) Planning
   (b) Organizing
(c) Promoting  
(d) Supervising  
(e) Managing  
(f) Controlling

4. Within the dean of instruction role-defining group, there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:

(a) Planning  
(b) Organizing  
(c) Promoting  
(d) Supervising  
(e) Managing  
(f) Controlling

5. Within the director of student personnel services role-defining group, there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for:

(a) Planning  
(b) Organizing  
(c) Promoting  
(d) Supervising  
(e) Managing  
(f) Controlling

**Population**

This study concerns the role of the Director of Adult Education in the North Carolina Community College System. The members of the reference group that were called upon to give their perception of the Director's actual and ideal role included deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and incumbents. A note of explanation is needed at this point concerning the reference group. Several
schools, rather than having a dean of instruction, had a vice-president for instruction, provost, academic dean, or dean of the college. After a review of job descriptions and discussing the role of deans of instruction with several occupants of this position, it was determined that, regardless of the title, their functions and responsibilities were essentially the same.

An examination of the catalog of each school and a call to each school revealed that there are sixteen deans of instruction, sixteen directors of student personnel services, and sixteen directors of adult education. All deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and incumbents of all sixteen community colleges in North Carolina were included in the study. (See Table 1)

Development and Testing of the Research Instrument

In the Spring of 1974, a two-part questionnaire was mailed to a Panel of Experts. The Panel was comprised of fourteen members considered to have expertise in the field of adult education (Appendix A). Their selection as panelists was based on recommendations from the researcher's committee and his knowledge of their expertise.

Part I of the questionnaire consisted of fifty-eight role activity statements, which were selected from a review of the literature, interviews, the researcher's personal
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knowledge, and a review of job descriptions of adult education administrators. The panelists were asked to indicate in which one of four role areas (administration, leadership, supervision, or promotion) they would locate each of the role activity statements (Appendix C).

Part II of the questionnaire contained the same role activity statements as found in Part I. However, in Part II, the panelists were asked to indicate their perception of the importance of each role activity statement (extremely important; important; somewhat important; unimportant).

The results of this initial survey indicated that, in general, the panel of experts agreed with the fifty-eight role activity statements. They experienced little or no difficulty in determining the importance of each statement. However, the panel members, as a whole, felt there was not a significant degree of discrimination between two role areas—administration and leadership. They seemed to perceive administration as a matter of function and responsibility and leadership as a matter of style and personal qualities.

In an effort to improve the questionnaire, and after discussing the results of the original questionnaire with members of the researcher's committee, a second questionnaire was designed and sent to ten administrators at Appalachian State University (Appendix C).
In the revised questionnaire, administration was viewed as an umbrella with six component parts: planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, directing, controlling. The results of the second survey indicated general agreement among the administrators at Appalachian State University. They made minimal suggestions regarding the way in which administration was sub-divided or the definitions given for each component.

To improve and clarify the revised questionnaire, it was mailed to six members of the panel of experts and to directors of adult education in twelve technical institutes in North Carolina. Based on their responses, the research instrument was designed.

**Research Instrument**

The primary purpose of this study was to determine the degree of agreement between the actual and ideal role of Directors of Adult Education in the community colleges of North Carolina as perceived by three role-defining groups. With this purpose as a frame of reference, a research instrument based on the revised questionnaire was developed to compare behavior activity actually performed by the Director with what was perceived as ideal behavior activity. The role areas selected for this study were planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, managing, controlling.
Part I of the questionnaire contained fifty-eight behavior statements randomly divided among the six role areas ascribed to the Director. A rating scale, with three separate categories, was provided for each role behavior statement. These are listed: (1) performs with regularity; (2) performs occasionally; (3) performs rarely or not at all. Each individual was asked to select the category for each statement that best reflected his perception of the actual role of the Director.

Part II of the questionnaire dealt with the ideal role of the Director. The same role behavior statements used in Part I were also used for Part II, but were arranged in another random order. As in Part I, three separate categories were provided for each statement in Part II. These follow: (1) should perform with regularity; (2) should perform occasionally; (3) should perform rarely or not at all. Each participant was asked to select the category for each statement that best reflects his perception of the ideal role of the Director.

To establish a degree of reliability and validity and to improve the research instrument, the researcher conducted a pilot study among directors of continuing education in selected community colleges in Virginia and directors of adult education in selected technical institutes in North Carolina.
Reliability

Reliability is determining how consistently the instrument measures the items. For this study the split-halves method, which is taking the odd and even numbered items to determine whether there is a high correlation between both halves of the questionnaire, was used. The Spearman-Brown formula for determining split-halves reliability is:

\[ r_{xx} = \frac{2r_{hh}}{1+r_{hh}} \]

where \( r_{hh} \) is the reliability of a half test. This division was made for both Part I (actual behavior) and Part II (ideal behavior). The reliability co-efficient for Part I was .96; for Part II, .93.

Validity

Tuckman (1972) stated "... the validity of a test represents the extent to which a test measures what it purports to measure."

Kerlinger (1964:445-446) stated:

Content validity is the representativeness of sampling adequacy of the content--the substance, the matter, the topics--of a measuring instrument. Content validation is guided by the question: Is the substance or content of this measure representative of the content or the universe of content of the property being measured?

For this study, validity has been determined by correlating the item scores with the total score.
Results of the Pilot Study

Total reliability for Part I, actual role behavior, was .93 and for Part II, ideal role behavior, was .89. Results of the t-test for correlated samples indicated there was no perceived significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for directors of adult education for organizing, managing, controlling; however, because of the significant t-ratio, they need to spend more time supervising, promoting, and planning.

Collection of the Data

On October 11, 1974, a packet was mailed to each member of the reference group. Each packet contained a letter of introduction, questionnaire, and stamped, self-addressed envelope. Of the forty-eight questionnaires distributed, 43 were returned. This was a response rate of 90%.

Analysis of the Data and Statistical Tools to be Employed

The questionnaires were audited to determine their accuracy and completeness. Table 2 indicates the number returned by each of the role-defining groups. The data were key punched on data processing cards from the questionnaires. Analysis of variance and paired difference test, which is a t-test for paired data, were used to analyze the results.
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NUMBER OF QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED AND RETURNED
BY THE THREE ROLE-DEFINING GROUPS

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The total scores for each of the three reference groups for the six role areas were obtained. To test hypothesis one, the researcher employed three analyses of variance to determine whether there was a significant difference between the mean scores of the three role-defining groups on the six selected role areas for actual behavior. If the tests are proven to be statistically significant, then orthogonal comparisons were used to establish which of the means were significantly different. The same procedure was employed to test hypothesis two.

Analysis of variance was a statistical procedure used to test the significance of the difference between three or more means. In essence, it was a method for dividing the
variance between the groups by the variance within the
groups. A significant ratio indicates a significant dif-
fERENCE. In order to find which means are significantly
different, orthogonal comparisons were employed. If there
are K means then K-1 comparisons were made. A comparison
was a linear function of the treatment means in which the
sum of the coefficients was equal to zero. Stated math-
ematically:

\[ d_i = a_{1i}x + a_{2i}x_2 + \ldots + a_{ki}x_k \]

where \( \Sigma a_{1i} = 0 \)

To test the significance of the comparison a t-test
can be applied using the formula

\[ t = \frac{d_i}{s_{d_i}} \]

where \( s_{d_i} \) is the standard error of the comparisons.

To test hypothesis three through five, the re-
searcher employed paired difference test, which is a t-test
for paired data. This was a statistical procedure for test-
ing the significance of the difference between the mean of
the score for actual role behavior and the mean of the score
for ideal role behavior. To test whether this difference
was significantly different from zero the mean difference
is divided by its standard error.
Scaling the Data

Interval data was the scale utilized for this study. Tuckman (1972:143) defined such data as:

Interval scales not only tell the order of things; they also tell the interval or distance between judgments . . . on an interval scale, a distance of so many points may be considered a relative constant at any point on the scale where it occurs. . . . in the case of tests, raw scores can be converted to standard scores to insure interval scale properties.

The categories - performs with regularity, performs occasionally, performs rarely or not at all - were assumed equal in distance for purposes of rating the role behavior statements in Parts I and II of the questionnaire. A value of 3, 2, 1, respectively, was assigned to each category.

Variables

Tuckman (1972) defined an independent variable as "that factor which is measured, manipulated, or selected by the experimenter to determine its relationship to an observed phenomenon." In this study, the members of the reference group are considered the independent variables.

The author defines a dependent variable as "that factor which is observed and measured to determine the effect of the independent variable." In this study, the scores on the survey of actual and ideal roles are considered the dependent variables.
Summary

The purpose of this study was to determine the degree of agreement between the actual and ideal role of Directors of Adult Education in the community colleges of North Carolina as perceived by three role-defining groups.

The process of developing a research instrument to measure this degree of agreement involved sending a questionnaire to a panel of experts, directors of adult education in selected technical institutes in North Carolina, and administrators at Appalachian State University. Based on the responses received from these three groups, a research instrument was designed.

To establish a degree of reliability and validity and to improve the research instrument, a pilot study was conducted among directors of continuing education in selected community colleges in Virginia and directors of adult education in selected technical institutes in North Carolina. Results of the pilot study indicated a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for directors of adult education for organizing, managing, and controlling.

Statistical tools employed for this study included the split-halves method for determining reliability, analysis of variance, orthogonal comparisons, and paired difference test, which is a t-test for paired data.
CHAPTER IV

PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

Introduction

The purpose of this study was to determine the degree of agreement among three role-defining groups concerning their perception of actual and ideal role behavior ascribed to the position of Director of Adult Education in North Carolina's sixteen community colleges. The three role-defining groups were: (1) Deans of Instruction, (2) Directors of Student Personnel Services, (3) Directors of Adult Education. Six selected role areas utilized in the study were: (1) planning, (2) organizing, (3) promoting, (4) supervising, (5) managing, and (6) controlling.

A rating scale was provided for responding to each item for Parts I and II of the questionnaire. Categories selected for Part I, Actual Role Behavior, were: performs with regularity, performs occasionally, performs rarely or not at all. The categories selected for Part II, Ideal Role Behavior, were: should perform with regularity, should perform occasionally, should perform rarely or not at all. Each member of the reference group was asked to indicate the category that best described his perception of the Director's actual and ideal role behavior.
PRESENTATION OF DATA

Findings for the six role areas and hypothesis testing are given in this chapter. Distribution of responses for each category of the rating scale for actual and ideal role behavior and the weighted means may be found in Appendix F, Tables 1-6.

Reliability

The split-halves method was used in this study to determine reliability. Reliability for Part I, Actual Role Behavior, was .96; for Part II, Ideal Role Behavior, .93. Reliability for the six role areas, each reference group, and the six role areas for each reference group are given in Tables 3-7.

In general, all reliabilities were acceptable, thus indicating a reliable instrument for use in the study. For the purpose of this study, acceptable reliability was .65 or above. The exceptions were: (1) supervising for directors of adult education, actual and ideal behavior, which had a reliability coefficient of .0000 and (2) supervising, ideal behavior, for directors of student personnel services, which had a reliability coefficient of .0000. The small number of role behavior statements might have affected the low reliabilities in these two instances. One factor which might influence a small coefficient is the length of that section
of the questionnaire, as indicated by Ferguson (1971:369) "... a test may be made as reliable as we like by increasing its length." Kerlinger (1964), Ahmann (1967), and Gulliksen (1950) also indicated reliability is affected by the length of the instrument.

Hypoth. Testing

The following hypotheses were tested for the independent variables, which were considered to be members of the role-defining group and the dependent variables, which were considered to be the scores on the six role areas for actual and ideal behavior.

HYPOTHESIS ONE stated there is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the actual role behavior for the director of adult education. Six one-way analyses of variance were used to test hypothesis one, utilizing Clyde's MANOVA computer program.¹ The means and standard deviation for the three role-defining groups on six role areas are given in Table 8. The results of the analysis of variance for hypothesis one are given in Table 9. There were six role areas tested for both hypothesis one and two.

The analysis indicated that a significant degree of disagreement existed among the three role-defining groups

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for promoting (.05 level); supervising (.05 level); and managing (.01 level). Thus, hypothesis one was rejected for the role areas of promoting, supervising, and managing and accepted for planning, organizing, and controlling. Orthogonal comparison indicated a significant difference at the .05 level between the means for directors of adult education and directors of student personnel services for the role area of promoting.

For the role area of supervising, there was a significant difference at the .05 level between the means for directors of adult education and directors of student personnel services.

For the role area of managing, there was a significant difference at the .05 level between the means for deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services.

HYPOTHESIS TWO stated there is no significant degree of disagreement among three role-defining groups on six selected role areas for the ideal role behavior for the director of adult education. Six one-way analyses of variance were used to test hypothesis two, utilizing Clyde's MANOVA computer program. The means and standard deviation for the three role-defining groups on six role areas are given in Table 10. The results of the analysis of variance are given in Table 11.
The analysis indicated that a significant degree of disagreement existed among the three role-defining groups for managing (.05 level). Thus, hypothesis two was rejected for the role area of managing. Orthogonal comparison indicated a significant difference at the .05 level between the means for deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services for the role area of managing.

HYPOTHESIS THREE stated that within the incumbent (director of adult education) role-defining group there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for: (a) planning, (b) organizing, (c) promoting, (d) supervising, (e) managing, (f) controlling. Six t-tests for paired data were used to test hypothesis three. The t-ratio for actual and ideal behavior on six role areas for directors of adult education is given in Table 12.

Results of the t-tests indicated a significant degree of difference in the means between actual and ideal role behavior for planning (.01 level); organizing (.01 level); supervising (.001 level); and controlling (.05 level). Thus, hypothesis three (a), (b), (d), and (f) were rejected.

HYPOTHESIS FOUR stated that within the dean of instruction role-defining group there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for: (a) planning, (b) organizing, (c) promoting, (d) supervising,
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MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATION FOR THREE ROLE-DEFINING GROUPS ON SIX ROLE AREAS

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*N = 14
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*N = Number of Respondents
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SERVICES, AND DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION) FOR SIX
ROLE AREAS - PLANNING, ORGANIZING, PROMOTING,
SUPERVISING, MANAGING, AND CONTROLLING

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(e) managing, (f) controlling. Six t-tests for paired data were used to test hypothesis four. The t-ratio for actual and ideal behavior on six role areas for deans of instruction is given in Table 13.

Results of the t-tests indicated a significant degree of difference in the means between actual and ideal role behavior for planning (.05 level); promoting (.05 level); supervising (.01 level); controlling (.01 level). Thus, hypothesis four (a), (c), (d), and (f) were rejected.

HYPOTHESIS FIVE stated that within the director of student personnel services role-defining group there is no significant difference between actual and ideal role behavior for: (a) planning, (b) organizing, (c) promoting, (d) supervising, (e) managing, (f) controlling. Six t-tests for paired data were used to test hypothesis five. The t-ratio for actual and ideal role behavior on six role areas for directors of student personnel services is given in Table 14.

Results of the t-tests indicated a significant degree of difference in the means between actual and ideal role behavior for planning (.05 level); organizing (.05 level); promoting (.01 level); supervising (.001 level); controlling (.05 level). Thus, hypothesis five (a), (b), (c), (d), and (f) were rejected.
Table 12
T-TEST FOR CORRELATED SAMPLES
DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

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Analysis of Data

The following descriptive data were thought to be useful to interpret further the research hypotheses. No proliferation of detail was intended in the paragraphs that describe each statement.

PLANNING

The fourteen role-behavior statements associated with the planning role area are (Part I), statements 1-14. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 1. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 1 - Develops a comprehensive adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 1 was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3 - performs with regularity, while the responses for ideal behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories.

Role Behavior Statement 2 - Participates in regional and/or state-wide planning for adult education.
Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 2 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 2--performs occasionally. For ideal role behavior, the responses seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3, with a slight skew toward category 3--should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 3** - Accepts appointment on regional accrediting agencies.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 3 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity, while distribution of responses for actual behavior were divided among the three categories.

**Role Behavior Statement 4** - Conducts surveys, to identify resources in the community to serve in the adult education program.
Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 4 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity, while distribution of responses for actual behavior were divided among the three categories.

Role Behavior Statement 5 - Provides leadership for the formulation of adult education policies.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 5.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity, for actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 6 - Provides for systematic assessment of adult education needs in the community.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 6 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.
Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of categories 2 and 3—performs occasionally and performs with regularity, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior were skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 7** - Develops strategies for gaining program support for adult education

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 7 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of categories 2 and 3—performs occasionally and performs with regularity, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior were skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 8** - Initiates innovative adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated each of the role-defining groups perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 8.

For the dean of instruction, distribution of responses for actual behavior were skewed in the direction of
categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior were distributed among categories 1, 2, and 3. For directors of student personnel services, distribution of responses for actual role behavior was evenly distributed between categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity. While distribution of responses tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

Distribution of responses for directors of adult education for actual and ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 9 - Develops programs for special interest groups in the college's service region, e.g., a program for Registered Nurses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 9.

Distribution of responses for deans of instruction and directors of adult education tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3 for both actual and ideal behavior--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity. For directors of student personnel services, distribution of
of responses were distributed between categories 2 and 3 for both actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 10 - Works with Division Heads and/or Departmental Chairmen in the development of credit programs for adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 10.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be distributed among all three categories.

Role Behavior Statement 11 - Develops proposals for federal aid for special training programs in adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 11 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 2--performs occasionally, while responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 12 - Develops articulation procedures between the adult education program and other divisions within the college.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 12.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be widely distributed among all three groups.

Role Behavior Statement 13 - Assists in developing course descriptions for non-credit courses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services perceived that statement 13 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed. There was no perceived difference for directors of adult education between actual and ideal behavior.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be disbursed between categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity, while the responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 14 - Works with other personnel within the college to formulate objectives and long-range goals of adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means for statement 14 indicated that deans of instruction seemed to perceive that it was actually performed more regularly than should be performed; directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that statement 14 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed; and directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 14.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 3--performs with regularity. For ideal behavior, the distribution of responses tended to be grouped in categories 2 and 3--should perform occasionally and should perform with regularity.

ORGANIZING

The eight role behavior statements associated with the organizing role area (Part I), are statements 15-22. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 2. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.
Role Behavior Statement 15 - Selects faculty to teach adult education courses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 15.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 16 - Assists in selecting materials to be used in adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that directors of student personnel services and directors of adult education perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 16. Deans of instruction perceived the behavior was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be distributed among all categories.

Role Behavior Statement 17 - Canvasses the community for suitable classroom space(s).

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups
seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 17.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 18** - Works cooperatively with teachers in planning their program, identifying resources needed to implement that program, and assists in securing those responses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-identifying groups seemed to perceive that statement 18 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior were disbursed among categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 19** - Makes recommendations for an adequate staff for the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups
perceived little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 19.

**Role Behavior Statement 20** - Employs and assigns college faculty (regular and adjunct) to adult education courses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 20 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior were disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 21** - Helps organize adult education advisory committees.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 21 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 22 - Makes arrangements to secure substitute teachers for adult education classes.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 22 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

PROMOTING

The nine role behavior statements associated with the promoting role area are (Part I), statements 23-31. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 3. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 23 - Maintains relations with civic, industrial, and social groups in the college's service region.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 23.
Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 24** - Provides leadership for the adult education public information program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 23.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 25** - Speaks at civic group meetings regarding the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 25 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be distributed among all three categories, while distribution of responses for ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 26 - Helps develop, within other college divisions, an improved understanding and acceptance of the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that statement 26 should be more regularly performed than actually was performed. There seemed to be little perceived difference among deans of instruction and directors of adult education between actual and ideal behavior.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be grouped around categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity. For ideal behavior, the responses were distributed among categories 2 and 3--should perform occasionally and should perform with regularity--with a skew in the direction of category 3.

Role Behavior Statement 27 - Offers professional leadership by serving as a community educational change agent.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 27 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.
Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 28** - Provides leadership by interpreting to other divisions within the institution the purpose of adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that the role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 28 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be grouped around categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity. For ideal behavior, the distribution of responses seemed to be skewed toward category 3--should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 29** - Publishes articles, monographs, and conducts research in the field of adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 29 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.
Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 1--performs rarely or not at all. The response for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 30 - Serves on community and professional committees.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 30.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a tendency toward a slight skew in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 31 - Recruits students for adult education courses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive statement 31 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed. Directors of adult education seemed to perceive
that statement 31 was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 3.

SUPERVISING

The five role behavior statements associated with the supervising role area are (Part I), statements 32-36. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 4. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 32 - Visits adult education classes while they are in session.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 32 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 33 - Develops in-service education programs for the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 33 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be disbursed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 2--performs occasionally. For ideal role behavior, distribution of responses tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 34 - Provides a supportive climate while counseling adult education faculty.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 34 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be disbursed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 35 - Organizes orientation programs for the adult education faculty, both full-time and part-time.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 35 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of the responses for actual role behavior seemed to be distributed among all 3 categories, with a slight skew toward category 2---performs occasionally. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3---should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 36 - Counsels students enrolled in adult education courses.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 36 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be evenly distributed among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3---should perform with regularity.
MANAGING

The fifteen role behavior statements associated with the managing role area are (Part I), statements 37-51. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 5. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 37 - Assists in establishing necessary fees for adult education classes.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that deans of instruction and directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that statement 37 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed. Directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be distributed among the three categories, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed toward category 3 -- should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 38 - Coordinates the collection of fees for adult education classes.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that deans of instruction seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 38. Directors of student personnel
services seemed to perceive that statement 38 was actually being performed more regularly than should be performed. Directors of adult education seemed to perceive a slight difference between what actually was performed than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior tended to be grouped around categories 2 and 3--performs occasionally and performs with regularity. For ideal behavior, the responses seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 3--should perform with regularity, for deans of instruction and directors of adult education. There seemed to be a slight skew in the direction of category 2--should perform occasionally, for directors of student personnel services.

Role Behavior Statement 39 - Arranges for the maintenance of detailed payroll records for the adult education faculty.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 39 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be disbursed among the 3 categories with a slight skew toward category 3--performs with regularity. For ideal
role behavior, all of the responses for deans of instruction and directors of adult education were in category 3—should perform with regularity, while the responses for directors of student personnel services tended to be grouped in categories 2 and 3.

**Role Behavior Statement 40** - Makes budget allocations to specific adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 40.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

**Role Behavior Statement 41** - Arranges for registration of students in adult education classes.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that deans of instruction and directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal role behavior for statement 41. Directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that statement 41 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.
Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be distributed among all three categories for the director of student personnel services, while the distribution of responses for deans of instruction and director of adult education seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3—performs occasionally and performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior the distribution of responses tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 42 - Utilizes the institution's human and financial resources for support of the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three reference groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal role behavior for statement 42.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be grouped in categories 2 and 3 for deans of instruction and directors of adult education, while distribution of responses for directors of student personnel services seemed to be disbursed among all three categories. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses seemed to be distributed among all three categories with a slight skew toward category 3—should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 43 - Participates as a member of the institution's decision-making management team.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 43 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be grouped among all 3 categories, while distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 44 - Coordinates the program development process for adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means for statement 44 indicated that deans of instruction seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance; directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that it should be performed more regularly than actually was performed; and directors of adult education seemed to perceive it was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3 with a slight
skew in the direction of category 3—performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior the responses seemed to be distributed among all 3 categories with a skew in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 45 - Plays a direct role in policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation for adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means for statement 45 indicated deans of instruction and directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance; directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive it was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses seemed to be skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity for deans of instruction and directors of adult education. The distribution of responses for directors of student personnel services seemed to be evenly divided among categories 2 and 3.
Role Behavior Statement 46 - Arranges for the assignment of adult education classroom space.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups perceived that there was little difference between actual and ideal performance.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior seemed to be grouped in categories 2 and 3 with a slight skew in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 47 - Responds to correspondence concerning the adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 47.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses seemed to be among all three categories with a slight skew in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 48 - Attends professional meetings that relate to adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 48.

Distribution of responses for actual and ideal role behavior seemed to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity and should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 49 - Initiates changes in the adult education division whenever necessary.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means for statement 49 indicated that deans of instruction and directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance. Directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive that statement 49 actually was performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be grouped in categories 2 and 3 with a slight skew toward category 3--performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses seemed to be dispersed among all three categories, with a slight skew toward
category 3--should perform with regularity, for deans of instruction and directors of adult education. Distribution of responses for directors of student personnel services tended to be skewed in the direction of category 2--should perform occasionally.

**Role Behavior Statement 50** - Supports the cause for equal rights for part-time adult education instructors.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three reference groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 50. Directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive it should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity for deans of instruction and directors of adult education, while there seemed to be a slight skew in the direction of category 2--performs occasionally, for directors of student personnel services. For ideal role behavior, the responses seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3, with a slight skew in the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 51 - Supports the cause for equal rights for part-time students enrolled in the adult education program.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 51 actually was performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be disbursed among all three categories, with a slight skew toward category 3--performs with regularity for deans of instruction and directors of adult education. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses tended to be evenly distributed among all 3 categories.

CONTROLLING

The seven role behavior statements associated with the role area controlling are (Part I), statements 52-58. Findings for this role area appear in Appendix F, Table 6. In the paragraphs that follow, each statement is discussed in terms of actual and ideal behavior.

Role Behavior Statement 52 - Assists in evaluating materials to be used in adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups
seemed to perceive that statement 52 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3—performs occasionally and performs with regularity. For ideal role behavior, the distribution of responses tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 53 - Arranges for the maintenance of routine institutional records of the adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means for statement 53 indicated that deans of instruction and directors of adult education seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance; directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive it should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3—performs with regularity for deans of instruction and directors of adult education, while the responses for directors of student personnel services seemed to be grouped among categories 2 and 3. For ideal behavior, the distribution of responses
tended to be skewed toward category 3--should perform with regularity for all 3 reference groups.

Role Behavior Statement 54 - Arranges for the maintenance of class enrollment data on a quarterly basis.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive statement 54 was actually performed more regularly than should be performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior tended to be skewed in the direction of category 3--performs with regularity, while the distribution of responses for ideal role behavior seemed to be disbursed among all 3 categories.

Role Behavior Statement 55 - Provides for systematic evaluation of adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive that statement 55 should be performed more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior seemed to be spread among all three categories, while the distribution of responses for ideal behavior tended to be skewed toward category 3--should perform with regularity.
Role Behavior Statement 56 - Conducts empirical re-
search in the field of adult education.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and
weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups
seemed to perceive that statement 56 should be performed
more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual behavior seemed
to be distributed among all three categories with a slight
skew toward category 1--performs rarely or not at all. For
ideal role behavior, the responses tended to be skewed in
the direction of category 3--should perform with regularity.

Role Behavior Statement 57 - Provides for systematic
evaluation regarding faculty job performance.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and
weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups
seemed to perceive that statement 57 should be performed
more regularly than actually was performed.

Distribution of responses for actual role behavior
seemed to be distributed among all 3 categories, while the
distribution of responses for ideal role behavior tended to
be skewed in the direction of category 3--should perform
with regularity for deans of instruction and directors of
adult education. Responses for directors of student person-
nel services seemed to be evenly divided between categories
2 and 3.
Role Behavior Statement 58 - Evaluates the economic feasibility for offering adult education programs.

Analysis of the distribution of responses and weighted means indicated that all three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little difference between actual and ideal performance for statement 58.

Distribution of the responses for both actual and ideal role seemed to be distributed among all three categories.

Summary

1. Results of the analysis of variance for the three role defining groups indicated that a significant degree of disagreement existed between them in the areas of promoting, supervising, and managing for actual role behavior.

2. Results of the analysis of variance for the three role defining groups indicated that a significant degree of disagreement existed between them in the area of managing for ideal role behavior.

3. T-tests for correlated samples indicated a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, organizing, supervising, and controlling as perceived by directors of adult education.

4. T-tests for correlated samples indicated a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role
behavior for planning, promoting, supervising, and controlling as perceived by deans of instruction.

5. T-tests for correlated samples indicated a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling as perceived by directors of student personnel services.
Table 15

ACTUAL AND IDEAL BEHAVIOR
SUMMARY

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CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

INTRODUCTION

It was the purpose of this research effort to investigate the degree of agreement on actual and ideal roles of Directors of Adult Education in North Carolina's sixteen community colleges. The sixteen community colleges were considered the social system wherein each director played roles according to expectations perceived by three groups of role definers. The three role-defining groups were: deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and directors of adult education.

The role-defining groups were asked to compare their perception of actual and ideal role behavior by responding to 58 selected role behavior statements. These statements were clustered in six role areas: planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, managing, and controlling.

A panel of experts was selected to respond to a questionnaire consisting of 58 role behavior statements. The panelists were asked to indicate in which one of four role areas—administration, leadership, supervision, or promotion—they would locate each of the role activity statements. The results of this initial survey indicated the panel
members felt there was not a significant degree of discrimination between administration and leadership.

In an effort to improve the questionnaire, it was revised and sent to ten administrators at Appalachian State University, selected members of the panel of experts, and directors of adult education in selected technical institutes in North Carolina. In the revised questionnaire, administration was viewed as an umbrella with six component parts: planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, directing, and controlling. Results of the second survey indicated general agreement regarding the way administration was subdivided. Minimal suggestions were made for the definitions given each of the six areas.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. A statistically significant degree of disagreement existed between all three reference groups in the areas of promoting, supervising, and managing for actual role behavior.

2. A statistically significant degree of disagreement existed between all three reference groups in the area of managing for ideal role behavior.

3. Directors of adult education seemed to perceive a statistically significant degree of difference between
actual and ideal role behavior for planning, organizing, supervising, and controlling.

4. Deans of instruction seemed to perceive a statistically significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, promoting, supervising, and controlling.

5. Directors of student personnel services seemed to perceive a statistically significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling.

CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions were based on the findings of this study:

1. The three role-defining groups seemed to agree on actual behavior of the director of adult education as suggested by the role behavior statements associated with planning, organizing, and controlling. They tended to disagree with those role behavior statements associated with promoting, supervising, and managing. Degree of agreement tended to be greater between deans of instruction and directors of adult education for the role areas of promoting, supervising, and managing. This may suggest that either the dean of instruction or director of adult education needs to communicate more effectively with the director of student
personnel services regarding the actual behavior of directors of adult education for promoting, supervising, and managing.

2. The three role-defining groups seemed to agree on ideal behavior of the director of adult education as suggested by the role behavior statements associated with planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling. They tended to disagree with those role behavior statements associated with managing. Degree of agreement tended to be greater between deans of instruction and directors of adult education for the role area of managing. This may suggest that either the dean of instruction or the director of adult education needs to communicate more effectively with the director of student personnel services regarding the ideal behavior of directors of adult education for managing.

3. Within the incumbent (director of adult education) role-defining group, there appeared to be an association between actual and ideal behavior of the Director for promoting and managing. This seemed to indicate directors of adult education, as a group, perceived they were fulfilling the roles expected of them for these two role areas. There tended to be little association between actual and ideal behavior of the Director ascribed by the role areas of planning, organizing, supervising, and controlling. This seemed to indicate directors of adult education perceived they were
not fulfilling those role behaviors expected of them for planning, organizing, supervising, and controlling.

4. Within the dean of instruction role-defining group, there appeared to be an association between actual and ideal behavior of the Director for organizing and managing. This seemed to indicate deans of instruction perceived directors of adult education were fulfilling the roles expected of them for these two role areas. There tended to be little association between actual and ideal behavior of the Director ascribed by the role areas of planning, promoting, supervising, and controlling. This seemed to indicate that deans of instruction perceived that directors of adult education were not fulfilling the roles expected of them for planning, promoting, supervising, and controlling.

5. Within the director of student personnel services role-defining group, there appeared to be an association between actual and ideal behavior of the director of adult education for managing. This seemed to indicate directors of student personnel services perceived directors of adult education were fulfilling the roles expected of them for managing. There tended to be little association between actual and ideal behavior of the director of adult education ascribed by the role areas of planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling. This seemed to indicate that
directors of student personnel services perceived that directors of adult education were not fulfilling the roles expected of them for planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling.

6. All three role-defining groups seemed to perceive an association between actual and ideal role behavior of directors of adult education for managing. This seemed to indicate the Directors were fulfilling the roles expected of them for managing. One might theorize that those role behavior statements associated with managing (e.g., arranges for registration of students in adult education classes, arranges for the assignment of adult education classroom space, attends professional meetings that relate to adult education, supports the cause for equal rights for part-time students enrolled in the adult education program) were more easily perceived by the role-defining groups as behavior expected of a director of adult education. This would appear to indicate congruency among the role-defining groups for managing.

7. All three role-defining groups seemed to perceive little association between actual and ideal role behavior of directors of adult education for planning, supervising, and controlling. This seemed to indicate the Directors were not fulfilling the roles expected of them for
planning, supervising, and controlling. One might postulate that those role behavior statements associated with planning, supervising, and controlling (e.g., provides for systematic assessment of adult education needs in the community, develops proposals for federal aid for special training programs in adult education, counsels students enrolled in adult education courses, develops in-service education programs for the adult education faculty, conducts empirical research in the field of adult education, assists in evaluating materials to be used in adult education programs) were perceived by the role-defining groups as behavior that should be performed more regularly than was actually performed. This would appear to indicate role conflict among the role-defining groups for planning, supervising, and controlling.

8. Based on the findings in this study, it appeared the directors of adult education were experiencing some degree of role conflict. Intersender conflict, as identified by Katz and Kahn (1966), would appear to be the kind being encountered by the director of adult education.

9. The study revealed that directors of student personnel services and deans of instruction perceived directors of adult education were not fulfilling the roles expected of them for supervising. This may suggest that the dean of instruction and director of student personnel
services need to interact more frequently with the Director to determine (1) if the statements associated with supervising are appropriate role expectations and (2) reasons for the difficulty Directors experienced meeting these expectations. Fishburn's study indicated a lack of understanding between teachers and administrators regarding the perceived roles of teachers. The applicability of Fishburn's study to this researcher's effort is that a lack of understanding of what is expected of a director of adult education could lead to role conflict and lessen the effectiveness of the adult program.

10. In his study of the roles of vocational teachers in Oklahoma, Sutker (1967) found a higher degree of agreement between what the teachers should do than they actually do. This writer's study would seem to support Sutker's findings. A review of Table 16 would seem to indicate directors of adult education should be performing certain roles more regularly than are actually being performed.

11. Sarbin defined role expectations as collections of cognitions others possess of occupants of a focal position. The results of this study indicated directors of student personnel services may not fully understand what is expected of directors of adult education. For example, there tended to be a higher degree of congruence between deans of instruction and directors of adult education for planning
than directors of student personnel services. This could indicate directors of student personnel services are not aware of what is expected of directors of adult education for planning.

12. The results of this study indicated the actual role area of controlling is not what is expected. Thus it may be necessary for all three reference groups to determine what may be precluding directors of adult education from fulfilling these role expectations. Variables such as budgetary constraints, lack of adequate staff, insufficient facilities may be contributing factors. It may be determined that controlling is not a valid role area.

13. Congruence refers to the degree of agreement among members of a reference group with regard to their perception of role behavior for an occupant of a focal position. The results of this study indicated a high degree of congruency between deans of instruction and directors of adult education for managing. This may indicate deans of instruction and directors of adult education need to communicate with directors of student personnel services regarding the area of managing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings and conclusions of this study, the following recommendations are made:
1. Intra-institutional in-service workshops should be conducted annually to discuss the functions and responsibilities of staff leadership roles, such as the director of adult education. In addition, these workshops could focus on such topics as the type of student who enrolls in the adult program, evaluation techniques, and program planning. In summary, such workshops might be useful in reducing misunderstandings which may occur over the relationship of the adult education curriculum with the rest of the institution's curriculum.

2. An improved system of communication between various administrative offices would seem to enhance the perception of the role of directors of adult education. The findings of this study would seem to indicate that directors of student personnel services do not interact frequently enough with directors of adult education to understand their (directors of adult education) roles. Training programs in communications could be used by focal position occupants and counter-position occupants to develop improved professional relationships and promote better role understandings.

3. Deans of instruction should continue to work with directors of adult education so that such directors can fulfill more completely the roles expected of them.

4. The North Carolina Department of Community Colleges may be able to use the findings of this study to give
consideration to developing a model job description for
directors of adult education.

5. A procedure for resolving role conflict should
be established. This is not to say conflict is harmful to
institutional processes. Rather, if conflict is to be
beneficial to an institution it should be regulated and
utilized.

6. Consideration should be given to professional
training, experience in program administration and planning
in adult education, and a commitment to work with both com-
munity and institutional personnel in selecting a director
of adult education.

7. This same study should be replicated to add
validity to the research procedure and methodology. A study
involving a similar reference group should be done in the
community college system of other states.

8. This study should be replicated with the follow-
ing changes:

(a) include technical institutes

(b) increase the number of reference groups to in-
clude faculty, students, other staff positions
such as director of admissions, public school
officials, and members of the State Department
of Community Colleges
(c) increase the number of role behavior statements for the role area of supervising

(d) include other role areas such as teacher, counselor, and member of professional associations

9. This study focused on the function and responsibility of directors of adult education. Another study might focus on the qualities and values of an occupant of such a position. An example might be "Believes in a democratic process in policy-making."

10. A comparative study of directors of adult education among four-year colleges and universities may contribute further to a better understanding of the roles of adult education administrators.

11. As the area of adult education continues to grow, similar studies should be conducted to identify new roles associated with the director of adult education.

12. Comparative studies should be conducted in other geographical sections of the country to determine if there is a variation in expectations of the director of adult education.

13. A study dealing with the director of student personnel services and his perception of directors of adult education would seem appropriate in view of the findings of this
study. Expectations on the part of student personnel directors appear to be disparate from the other role-defining groups.

14. The difficulty experienced by the panel of experts in discriminating between administration and leadership would appear to justify a study dealing with these role areas.

15. All institutions should develop a job description for the Director position. This could be of assistance in reducing misunderstandings among other staff members regarding roles of directors of adult education.

16. Additional studies should be conducted that would include lay members of the community as role-identifiers. Such groups may be civic leaders, business and industrial leaders, political leaders, public health officials, and members of professional groups such as doctors, lawyers, and dentists.

17. Other studies dealing with specialized personnel within the field of adult education would seem appropriate. These studies might include directors of adult basic education, directors of manpower development training, and directors of extension.

18. A study dealing only with actual role behavior of incumbents might be useful. Such a study could consider
the frequency with which a role was performed, and the importance of such a role.

19. A study of directors of adult education in which they estimate the cognitions of other staff members regarding role expectations might be useful for further role clarification.

20. A similar study might be useful to determine what role behavior statements elicit similar patterns of behavior regardless of the setting.
LIST OF REFERENCES


APPENDIXES

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Appendix B: Job Description For A Director of Adult Education

Director of Adult Education

The Director of Adult Education is directly responsible to the Dean of Instruction for the following:

1. Coordinates with Division Chairmen the development, promotion, and supervision of special credit programs.

2. Recruits, interviews, and recommends part-time faculty for the special credit programs.

3. Recruits, interviews, and hires part-time faculty for the non-credit programs.

4. Coordinates special credit course schedules with Division Chairmen.

5. Develops the non-credit course schedules.

6. Plans and supervises the local budget for non-credit courses.

7. Supervises registration activities for special credit and non-credit courses.

8. Assists in the orientation and in-service training of part-time special credit faculty, as well as non-credit faculty.

9. Develops and supervises short courses, seminars, and other special programs for industry or community needs.
10. Collects data for the determination of appropriate credit and non-credit instructional offerings.

11. Develops a comprehensive program of community services for the New River Community College region, and implements same.

12. Pursues federal funds and other sources for the funding of regional educational needs.

13. Advises special credit students.

14. Develops appropriate instructional material and instructional plans for any courses offered through the Office of Continuing Education and maintains file of same.

15. Coordinates Special Training Programs for local industry.


17. Maintains adequate records of business transactions involved in tuition fees and other funds received from participants in non-credit programs.

18. Schedules and chairs Advisory Committee meetings.

19. Performs other duties such as special projects and assignments identified by the Dean of Instruction.
Appendix C: Correspondence Dealing With

Improving The Research Instrument

Dear

As part of my doctoral research, I am conducting a study of the role of Directors of Adult Education in the community college system of North Carolina.

In an effort to lend face validity to the research instrument, I am asking you to serve as a panel member because of your recognized expertise in the field of adult education. Therefore, would you please be kind enough to recommend for Part I, the most appropriate location for each of the role behavior activity statements and for Part II, your perception of each.

The statements were selected on the basis of a comprehensive review of the literature, personal interviews with incumbent Directors of Adult Education in two southeastern states, reviewing job descriptions of adult administrators in three southeastern states, and personal knowledge of the position. A final draft of the research instrument will be based on responses from the panel members.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to write me or call collect at Area Code (704) 264-5050.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Prisk
Appendix C: Instructions to the Panel of Experts

Part I

Listed on the following pages are 58 role activity statements which relate to Directors of Adult Education in community colleges in North Carolina. For Part I, indicate in which role area you would place each of the role activity statements by placing a check ( ) mark in the appropriate column.

Definitions

Administration - in administering the adult education program, the Director "displays behavior indicative of decision-making, planning, reporting, controlling, communicating" adult education programs. (Morgan, 1971).

Leadership - the ability and readiness to inspire, guide, direct, or manage . . . others within the institution.

Supervision - to direct the work of those the Director of Adult Education supervises . . . to coordinate the special functions of those who participate in the adult education program so that the goals of the institution are achieved . . . a supervisor demonstrates, explains, illustrates (Supervision and Consultation, AEA of U.S., 1956).

Promotion - informing the general public of the activities and policies of the institution's adult education program.

Space is provided at the end of the questionnaire for your comments concerning the clarity of the role activity statements, and suggesting other role activity statements. If additional statements are listed, please indicate
in which role area you would place them. Also, please comment on the definitions given for the four role areas.
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(1) agree with the terms identified as representing the totality of administration?

(2) if not, what would you change, i.e., if you disagreed with Directing, what would you substitute for it?

(3) do you agree with the definitions?

(4) if not, what would you add? delete?

(5) do you feel each stands alone? that is, is there a great deal of overlap or very little as they are defined?

(6) would you combine terms? i.e., planning and organization?

I realize this is an imposition on your time but any assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions, please call me at 2204, 2205, or 2206.

Thank you and I shall look forward to hearing from you.

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Attachment
Administration

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Supervision - oversees the instructional program, assists in building good morale, provides for in-service education for the staff.

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Letter to Selected Members of the Panel of Experts

Dear : 

Recently you assisted me in the development of a research instrument for my doctoral dissertation. The suggestions recommended by you and other members of the panel have led to revisions of Part I of the original questionnaire, which dealt with locating the role activity statements in one of four areas - administration, leadership, supervision, and promotion. It seemed that several of the panelists experienced difficulty in discriminating between administration and leadership.

After discussing this further with members of my doctoral committee, it was felt that perhaps administration should be considered as the umbrella with six component parts: planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, managing, controlling. An effort has been made to define each area with a minimum of overlap.

Enclosed you will find a revision of Part I. I regret this imposition on your time, but I would appreciate your taking a few moments to complete the questionnaire.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to write me or call collect at (704) 264-5050.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Prisk

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Enclosures
Letter to Directors of Adult Education in
Selected Technical Institutes in North Carolina

Dear : 

As part of my doctoral research, I am conducting a study of the role of Directors of Adult Education in the community colleges of North Carolina.

In an effort to lend face validity to the enclosed research instrument, would you please be kind enough to recommend the most appropriate location for each of the role activity statements.

For the purpose of this study, Administration has been divided into six component parts. A definition for these areas can be found on the attached sheet of instructions.

The role activity statements were selected on the basis of a comprehensive review of the literature, a review of job descriptions of adult administrators, and personal knowledge of the position.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to write me or call collect at Area Code (704) 264-5050.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Prisk

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Enclosure
Revised Questionnaire Sent to Panel of Experts and Technical Institutes

Instructions

Listed on the following pages are 58 role activity statements which relate to Directors of Adult Education in the community colleges in North Carolina. Please indicate in which role area you would place each of the role activity statements by placing a check (✓) mark in the appropriate column.

Space is provided at the end of the questionnaire for your comments concerning the clarity of the role activity statements and suggesting other role areas. If additional statements are listed, indicate in which role area you would place them.

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The rapid growth in adult/continuing education has created a commensurate number of administrative positions, one of which is the Director of Adult and/or Continuing Education. It seems, therefore, that a study of the role(s) of Directors of Adult Education in two-year institutions would be appropriate. The enclosed questionnaire is designed to collect data for this study.

The questionnaire is divided into two parts. Part I is concerned with your perception of the actual role behavior of the Director; Part II is concerned with the ideal role behavior of the Director. The 58 role activity statements were selected on the basis of a comprehensive review of the literature, reviewing job descriptions of adult administrators, opinions of a panel of experts, and personal knowledge of the position.

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Dennis P. Prisk

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PILOT STUDY

THE ROLE(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

There are several ways to determine role(s) for a position in a social system. The method employed for this study is to have a group of role-identifiers, with whom the Director interacts on a daily basis, determine what degree of agreement exists between actual and ideal behavior. The groups selected are: deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and directors of adult education. The attached two-part questionnaire is designed to collect the data for this study.

DIRECTIONS FOR PART I

Part I of this questionnaire contains 58 role activity statements to determine your perception of the actual role behavior of the Director of Adult Education in the community college.

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Davidson County Community College
Gaston College
Isothermal Community College
Lenoir Community College
Mitchell College
Rockingham Community College
Sandhills Community College
Southeastern Community College
Surry Community College
Wayne Community College
Western Piedmont Community College
Wilkes Community College
Appendix E: Cover Letter and Research Instrument

Route 4
Teaberry Hills
Boone, North Carolina
October 11, 1974

Dear : 

As part of my doctoral research, I am conducting a study of the role of Directors of Adult Education in North Carolina's community colleges. The study should be of assistance in determining actual and ideal role(s) of directors as perceived by three reference groups, one of which is the chief academic officer. The rapid growth in adult/continuing education has created several administrative positions, one of which is the Director of Adult Education and/or Continuing Education. Thus it seems a study of the role(s) of such a position in two-year institutions is appropriate. 

The enclosed questionnaire is designed to collect data for this study and I would appreciate your taking a few minutes to complete it.

The questionnaire is divided into two parts. Part I is concerned with your perception of the actual role behavior of the Director; Part II is concerned with the ideal role behavior of the Director. The 58 role activity statements were selected on the basis of a comprehensive review of the literature, a review of job descriptions of adult administrators, opinions of a panel of experts, and personal knowledge of the position.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to write me or call collect at (704) 264-5050.

Thank you for your assistance. 

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Prisk
THE ROLE(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION: There are several ways to determine role(s) for a position in a social system. The method employed for this study is to have a group of role-identifiers, with whom the Director interacts on a daily basis, respond to a number of items contained in a research instrument. These responses will be summarized and statistical applications made that should help in determining the degree of agreement between actual and ideal behavior of Directors of Adult Education. The groups selected are: deans of instruction, directors of student personnel services, and directors of adult education. This two-part questionnaire is designed to collect the data for this study.

PART I. INSTRUCTIONS

Part I of this questionnaire contains 58 role activity statements to determine your perception of the actual role behavior of the Director of Adult Education in the community college. The statements are divided among six role areas - planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, managing, controlling. After reading each statement, select and check [✓] the category that best describes your perception of the Director's actual role.

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**COMMENTS:**
PART II. INSTRUCTIONS

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**Statement 9:** Develops programs for special interest groups in the college's service region, e.g., a program for Registered Nurses

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| Director of Adult Personnel Services | 0  | 7  | 7  | 2.50 |
| Director of Adult Education | 2  | 8  | 6  | 2.25 |
|                      | 5  | 22 | 16 |      |

**Statement 11:** Develops proposals for federal aid for special training programs in adult education

**ACTUAL BEHAVIOR**

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| Director of Adult Personnel Services | 4  | 8  | 2  | 1.86 |
| Director of Adult Education | 1  | 14 | 1  | 2.00 |
|                      | 9  | 28 | 6  |      |

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Statement 19: Makes recommendations for an adequate staff for the adult education program

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Statement 20: Employs and assigns college faculty (regular and adjunct) to adult education courses

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Statement 37: Assists in establishing necessary fees for adult education classes

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Statement 38: Coordinates the collection of fees for adult education classes

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| Directors of Student Personnel Services | 3 2 9              |   |   | 2.43           |
| Directors of Adult Education         | 2/7 3/5 11/31       |   |   | 2.56           |

| Role-defining group                  | IDEAL BEHAVIOR      |   |   |                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|                |
| Deans of Instruction                 | 0 0 13              |   |   | 3.00           |
| Directors of Student Personnel Services | 0 4 10             |   |   | 2.71           |
| Directors of Adult Education         | 0 0 16              |   |   | 3.00           |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|                |
| Deans of Instruction                 | 0 0 13              |   |   | 3.00           |
| Directors of Student Personnel Services | 0 4 10             |   |   | 2.71           |
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| Directors of Student Personnel Services | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2.43 |
| Directors of Adult Education | 0 | 4 | 12 | 2.75 |
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| Directors of Student Personnel Services | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2.43 |
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**Statement 49:** Initiates changes in the adult education division whenever necessary

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**Statement 50:** Supports the cause for equal rights for part-time adult education instructors

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Statement 51: Supports the cause for equal rights for part-time students enrolled in the adult education program.
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**Statement 52:** Assists in evaluating materials to be used in adult education programs

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Statement 57: Provides for systematic evaluation regarding faculty job performance

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Statement 58: Evaluates the economic feasibility for offering adult education programs

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A STUDY OF DEGREE OF AGREEMENT ON ACTUAL AND IDEAL ROLE OF DIRECTORS OF ADULT EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS PERCEIVED BY DEANS OF INSTRUCTION, DIRECTORS OF STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES, AND DIRECTORS OF ADULT EDUCATION

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(ABSTRACT)

The purpose of this study was (1) to determine the degree of agreement among three role-defining groups concerning their perception of actual and ideal role behavior ascribed to the Director of Adult Education and (2) to determine the degree of agreement within each role-defining group concerning their perception of actual and ideal role behavior ascribed to the Director of Adult Education.

The three role-defining groups were Deans of Instruction, Directors of Student Personnel Services, and Directors of Adult Education. The six role areas associated with the position of Director of Adult Education were: Planning, Organizing, Promoting, Supervising, Managing, and Controlling.

A two-part questionnaire consisting of 58 role behavior statements, divided among the six role areas, was
mailed to each of 48 members of the reference group. Forty-three responded to the questionnaire.

Each individual was asked to select the category for each statement that best reflected his perception of the regularity with which the director actually performed the behavior. This same request was made regarding his perception of the desirability of the behavior.

The results of the study indicated a significant degree of disagreement between the three role-defining groups in the areas of promoting, supervising, and managing for actual role behavior. A significant degree of disagreement existed between the three role-defining groups in the area of managing for ideal role behavior. Directors of Adult Education perceived a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role for planning, organizing, supervising, and controlling. Deans of Instruction perceived a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, promoting, supervising, and controlling. Directors of Student Personnel Services perceived a significant degree of difference between actual and ideal role behavior for planning, organizing, promoting, supervising, and controlling.

Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations were made: (1) the study should be replicated to add validity to the research procedure and
methodology; (2) similar studies should be conducted to identify new and emerging roles of directors of adult education; (3) a comparative study would appear useful to determine if similar patterns of behavior emerge regardless of the setting. Other recommendations included: communication workshops within the institution, other studies that would include additional role-identifiers, technical institutes, four-year colleges, and more variables, and comparative studies dealing with specialized personnel within the field of adult education.