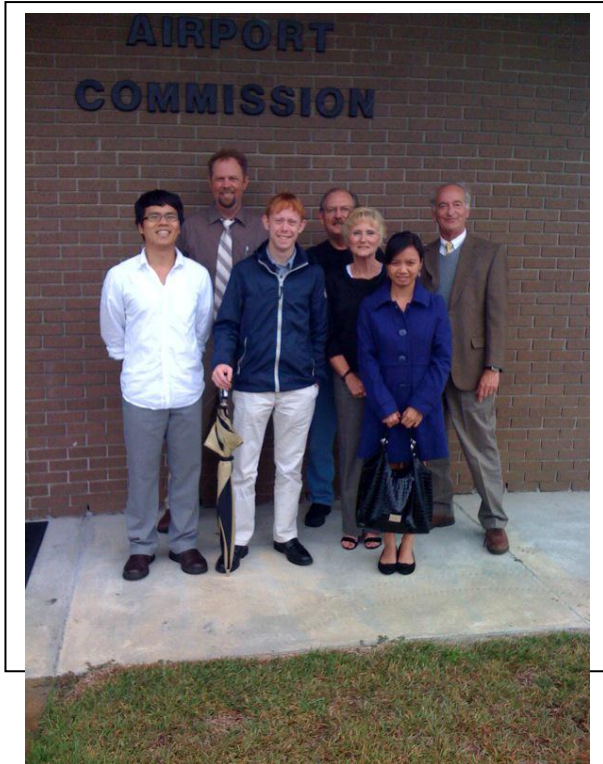


MBA students assisting Maxton-Laurinburg Airport with planning



A team of MBA students is working with the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (LMA) on the development of its long-range strategic plan.

Dr. Howard Ling (Business), MBA director, introduced the four members of the UNCP MBA team: Brian McCormick, Ahn Pham, Jonathan Foley and Weitang Pan. The MBA team will analyze opportunities for the airport/industrial park complex in the areas of general aviation, defense contracting, agribusiness and corporate logistics.

Dr. Ling said: "I have thought for some time that the airport represents a strategic asset that could easily serve as the catalyst for the economic development of the entire region. The annual Business Practicum allows our MBA students to develop 'real-world' business skills and provides our regional business community with MBA level consulting work."