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DATE: April 7, 2008
TO: Vickie Chamberlain and Commissioners
FROM: Dean Hilda Rosselli *H. Rosselli*
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RE: WOU T2T Experimental Program with Salem Keizer

As the Commission may recall, WOU came to TSPC in Spring 2006 with a request to run an experimental program in partnership with Salem Keizer School District. The intent of the partnership was to help increase the number of bilingual teachers and teachers of color using a blended version of our high school MAT program and our full time undergraduate/postbac elementary program, namely including necessary coursework at the elementary level.

Now moving into its last term, WOU wanted to report back to the Commission on the progress of the experimental project:

1. Eighteen candidates applied.
2. Fifteen candidates were admitted.
3. Two candidates left the program for personal reasons.
4. Three candidates were delayed due to testing difficulties and/or medical issues.
5. Nine will complete the program as of August 2008.
6. Of the nine completing the MAT degree:
 - a. Two will be recommended for middle/high with bilingual ESOL endorsements, and
 - b. Seven will be recommended for elementary/middle with bilingual ESOL endorsements.

Although the duration of approval by TSPC stipulated August 2008, we are requesting a one year extension in order to continue supporting the three remaining candidates.

As recommended by the Commission, the College has kept careful data on candidate performance which were reviewed by both the TSPC and NCATE accreditation teams during our Fall 2007 visit.

Although both partners felt positive about the program, WOU will not be continuing to offer this experimental program. However, we will continue to partner with the SK district in other areas such as Special Education and ESOL and we are planning to offer a part-time undergrad/post bac program to further help address the needs of non-traditional students.