**Fall 2016 Certification Conference for Institutions of Higher Education and Providers of Certification Programs**

Agenda for Friday 10/14/2016 at Saint Martin’s University as of 10/10/16

9:00 Check in, find a spot, get your coffee and visit with your colleagues

* Bring a laptop – Wi-Fi available
* Bring a logo item from your university/organization for raffle/swap session
* You are welcome to bring any forms or other best practices items to share

9:30 Welcome to Saint Martin’s, Introductions, Institutional Updates – Caitlin Sporleder SMU

9:45-11:30 OSPI staff David Kinnunen, Laura Gooding, Mallory Torimino, Coleen Putaansuu, Kara Hurn, Penny Savage

OSPI Certification Presentations on Officers’ Concerns, Discussion of Best Practices from OSPI and IHEs

* eCert problem resolution – whom to call/email?
* Updates on e-Cert system, what problems have been addressed? In the queue? New features and timeline of implementation
* Problems with Preresidency Clearance applications
* Coordinating fingerprints applicants had done for Department of Early Learning (DEL) with OSPI
* Problems with Certification applications
* Review of how to request a substitute certificate upon certification program completion
* Review of how to use communication logs, upload documents, what’s appropriate
* Review of reporting features in eCert
* Conditional certificates as they relate to PRC
* IHEs using electronic certification files and/or paper files, any guidance on what’s acceptable, storage, what needs to be saved at institutional level and for how long
* WAC changes and other relevant updates
* Other issues OSPI Certification Office Staff encounter they’d like us to know about, how to make each other’s jobs easier

11:30 Legislative agendas from 2016 and anticipated in 2017 Impacting Teacher Preparation – Coleen Rust, Director of Governmental Relations The Evergreen State College

11:50 Lunch

12:30 Continuation of Certification concerns such as tracking and submitting test scores

12:50 Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) and Effective Educators Workgroup Updates - Mary Jo Larsen, PLU

1:05 Student Achievement Council plans to develop criteria for scholarships/student teaching assignments – Maggie Foran, Evergreen

1:15 Certification videoconferences/webinars – future dates? Timing and format of future IHE certification conferences? Hosts? Meet at WACTE? - Maggie Foran, Evergreen

1:30 Break

1:40 PESB Updates from Alexandra Manuel, Director Educator Pathways at PESB

* Suspension of the endorsement re-approval process, timing for alignment with national standards and new tests
* Any plans to assist providers with improving ability to expand endorsement programs to assist teachers needing full endorsements (especially if pathway 1 & 2 not available)? Funding needed for faculty and staff at most institutions for added endorsement programs – not much if any institutional help due to decreased revenue, etc.
* Any further pathway changes for added endorsements?
* Review of alternative routes to certification, any changes, updates on providers
* Other updates which affect certification officers’ work
* Status of equity plan recommendation that all programs should be producing graduates with at least two endorsements, and one of those should be in a shortage area such as SPED or ELL

2:10 Final sharing of best practices and conference evaluation

2:20 Gear raffle/swap

2:30 Safe journey home