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

Tentative Agenda Friday 10/14/2016 Saint Martin’s University

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

* Bring a laptop – Wii 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

9:45-11:45

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

11:45 Lunch on site

12:30 Test scores, edTPA, tracking and submitting scores

12:45 Highly Qualified (HQ) and Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) updates

* How does it affect hiring if HQ has gone away
* How does it affect advice to prospective program applicants, current students, those searching for positions, teachers wanting to add endorsements
* What will principals in middle school want in way of endorsements? Will elementary endorsements (K-8) be eligible for middle school positions?
* Can high schools with 9th grade hire middle level endorsed teachers if all they teach in is 9th grade?
* Will ESSA have an impact on pathway requirements for add on endorsements?

1:15 Awareness of the legislative agendas of WACTE and PESB

1:30 Break

1:40 PESB Updates

* 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 Certification videoconferences/webinars - dates in the future to get on calendars, timing/need for annual conference together, hosting institution possibilities and time of year?

2:15 Evaluation

2:20 Gear raffle/swap

2:30 Safe journey home