MEMORANDUM

TO: Christine Sorensen  
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FROM: Reed Dasenbrock  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: College of Education Three Year Progress Report on Accreditation

November 21, 2011

Thank you for your Three Year Progress Report of October 21st and our meeting November 16th to discuss the report. It is a very thorough report, and it is evident that many faculty are working hard on various aspects of the NCATE accreditation and other accreditation processes.

We were happy to learn that Beth Pateman has agreed to rejoin the COE administrative team, taking particular responsibility for NCATE issues. However, we also want to remind you that the Dean has an important role to play as the person responsible for coordinating the overall effort of the College. We would like to see drafts of the NCATE reports as they get ready to be sent.

We were happy to learn about the progress being made in conversations with LLL and Arts and Humanities on programs that will train and certify teachers in the arts and in ESL, and we look forward to concrete progress on these programs over the next year.

We remain a little confused as to the College’s plans concerning Athletic Training, given the imperative from the accrediting body for this to become a stand-alone program by 2014, which is not very far away. We need a clear sense of the College’s direction on this by early in the Spring semester.

Finally, the most challenging issue for the College is space. There isn’t enough for all the programs you are running, and much of what you have is of exceedingly poor quality. I do believe that the recent meeting we had with a large number of administrators on this will lead to results, but we will both need to keep on top of this. In my judgment, space is the highest priority issue for the COE after NCATE.

c: Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Aune  
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