

**March 29, 2013**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Sharon Brown-Welty, Program Coordinator

**From:** Marilyn Wilson, Chair  
University Graduate Committee

**Re:** Program Review for Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Fresno State (DPELFS)

MSC: The University Graduate Committee (UGC) recommends approval of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Fresno State (DPELFS) as a program of Exceptional Quality (3/12/13).

A strength noted was the very high completion rate. The UGC was also impressed by the plans for the Center for Research and Publication. The program has an extraordinarily well developed Student Outcomes Assessment Plan (SOAP) which may serve as a model for other programs.

The UGC echoed the concern of the WASC review committee regarding spreading faculty and administration over three programs: the current program at Fresno State, a joint program in Bakersfield, and an online program planned with CSU Channel Islands. Dean Brown-Welty and Dean Beare noted that the programs were somewhat staggered, with plans for the Bakersfield campus to assume full responsibility in the near future and the online program yet to be implemented. They noted that faculty were "capped" at chairing four dissertations in an effort to share the workload and ensure dissertation quality.

In summary, this is a new program that appears to have great potential for developing local leaders in education. The program has strong support from the Kremen School of Education. The DELP received an excellent review from WASC.

**CC:** Paul Beare, Dean, Kremen School of Education  
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Sharon Brown-Welty, Dean of Graduate Studies  
William Covino, Provost