Subject: RE: Letter of Support for OSU-Cascades RN to BSN program
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From: Wagner, Linda
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Kara:
I'm sorry, but with the plethora of RN to BSN programs available to students in this state (both from existing and well-established programs within Oregon and existing and well-established programs offered through distance delivery from outside of Oregon) I do not support OSU creating an RN to BSN program. I am more familiar with the OHSU RN to BSN program than the others you include in your documents, and there a few statements you've made that I believe are inaccurate regarding the OHSU plan. Also, 2 ½ years for completion of the part-time delivery seem much longer than what is available through other programs. You characterize the plans for an OSU program as the only Oregon public RN to BSN program, but if I understand your plans correctly, the only connection an instructor will have with a student is via the internet.

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Dear Ms. Wagner,

As you are aware, nationally, there is a growing need for bachelor's trained nurses in our healthcare workforce. The attached Executive Summary and New Program Proposal provides justification for Oregon's first public RN to BSN nursing program, offered by OSU-Cascades in collaboration with Oregon State University's Ecampus.

OSU-Cascades was approached several years ago by St. Charles Healthcare System, our local hospital in Central Oregon and our local community college, Central Oregon Community College, to develop a locally-based, public program that would provide a pipeline for newly minted RNs as well as working nurses to obtain their bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN). This proposal is in direct response to our

local need for highly trained nurses, but the fully online nature of the program will also provide access to all licensed nurses in Oregon with an affordable pathway to advance their careers.

As one of Oregon's college campuses providing nursing academic programs, and as part of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC) academic program approval process, we are seeking your support for this program. I have included the Executive Summary and the program proposal in it's entirely for your review and response. Your comments can be brief and may be sent to me directly. If you wish to discuss this program further or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 541-322-2063 or at kara.witzke@osucascades.edu.

Sincerely,

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