Subject: Re: Letter of Support for OSU-Cascades RN to BSN program
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 2:11:26 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Witzke, Kara
To: Doris Jepson
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Thank you for your consideration. I understand the perceived conflict of interest although I would hope that OCNE could consider OSU-Cascades' program as a viable alternative to the OHSU program, should it suit their needs better.
Kara

From: Doris Jepson <djepson@cgcc.edu>
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 1:35 PM
To: "Witzke, Kara" <Kara.Witzke@osucascades.edu>
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Hello Kara,

After careful consideration, I am not able to provide a letter of support. We are in a transition year, moving to the OCNE statewide curriculum. I feel it would be awkward at best to consider supporting another avenue of bachelor's completion than what we have in place now.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Jepson,

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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