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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr. *Tom Watkins*

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of a Committee of Scholars to Review the Miller College Application to Become a Teacher Preparation Institution

Miller College, an institution previously approved to offer higher education programs in Michigan, has submitted an initial application for approval as a teacher preparation institution. The college has a mentoring agreement with Aquinas College, an institution approved for teacher education.

A Committee of Scholars comprised of professionals, with expertise and experience in teacher education, is needed to review the application, visit the institution, and make recommendations regarding approval. Attached is a list of individuals who are recommended to assume these responsibilities. Biographical resumes are provided in Attachment 1.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Kathleen Jacobson, Jim Jeffery, John Poster, Mark Seals, and Chery Wagonlander as the Committee of Scholars for the review of the Miller College application for approval as a teacher preparation institution.

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**Recommended Committee of Scholars  
To Review an Application for Approval as  
A Michigan Teacher Preparation Institution from  
Miller College**

**Dr. Kathleen Jacobson  
Director of Professional Education  
Central Michigan University**

**Dr. Jim Jeffrey  
Dean, School of Education  
Andrews University**

**Dr. John Poster  
Dean of the School of Education  
University of Michigan – Dearborn**

**Dr. Mark Seals  
Chair, Department of Education  
Alma College**

**Dr. Chery Wagonlander  
Principal  
Mott Middle College High School**

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**Dr. Kathleen Jacobson Biographical Resume**

- Nomination for** Miller College - Committee of Scholars  
 Name of Advisory Committee
1. **Name** Dr. Kathleen Jacobson
2. **Address** 10644 Thornapple Drive, Stanwood, MI 49346
3. **Present Position** Director of Professional Education, Central Michigan University
4. **Business Address** Ronan 204, CMU Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859
5. **Telephone Home** 231/972-2479 **Business** 989/774-1410  
**Fax** 989/774-3624 **E-Mail** jacob1kg@cmich.edu
6. **Nominating Organization** Michigan Department of Education
7. **Race\*** Caucasian **Sex\*** Female
8. **Prior Experience** Director of Professional Education & Certification Officer: part of NCATE team at CMU (re-accredited 10/2003). Oversee the MDE program/unit review process for CMU. Part of NCA accreditation team that evaluated Roseville Public Schools.
9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations** DARTEP, AACTE, MACTE, ASCD, AAUW, MCA
10. **Education** Ed.D Educational Administration: Wayne State University  
M.Ed. Guidance and Counseling: Wayne State University  
B.S. Elementary Education: Wayne State University
11. **Miscellaneous** I am interested in being part of the evaluation team. My extensive experience in PK-12 and higher education should support my candidacy as a viable member of the team.

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Jim Jeffery Biographical Resume

**Nomination for** Miller College - Committee of Scholars  
Name of Advisory Committee

1. **Name** Jim Jeffery

2. **Address** 8696 Maplewood Dr., Berrien Springs, MI 49103

3. **Present Position** Dean, School of Education, Andrews University

4. **Business Address** Bell Hall 105, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0102

5. **Telephone Home** 269/471-5229 **Business** 269/471-3481

**Fax** 269/417-6540 **E-Mail:** jimjeff@andrews.edu

6. **Nominating Organization** Michigan Department of Education

7. **Race\*** Caucasian **Sex\*** Male

8. **Prior Experience** Have served as an Elementary school administrator (5 years), a high school principal (7 years) and a school district superintendent (7 years). I have also served as chair of a college department of education (4 years) and been Dean of the School of Education here at AU for the past 3 years. In total, I have taught in higher education for 10 years and have led 2 colleges through successful NCATE accreditations. Most recently (November 2004) led Andrews University, School of Education through a successful NCATE accreditation visit.

9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations** AERA (member); AACTE (member); Phi Delta Kappan (member)

10. **Education** BA – Columbia Union College, MA – Andrews University; Postgraduate Certificate in Distance Learning ( University of British Columbia) and PhD (University of Alberta) in Educational Administration.

11. **Miscellaneous** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional

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John B. Poster Biographical Resume

**Nomination for** Miller College - Committee of Scholars  
Name of Advisory Committee

1. **Name** John B. Poster

2. **Address** 4901 Hardwoods Drive, West Bloomfield MI 48323

3. **Present Position** Dean, School of Education, University of Michigan - Dearborn

4. **Business Address** 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn MI 48126

5. **Telephone Home** 248/682-4588 **Business** 313/593-5435

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Nominating Organization** Michigan Department of Education

7. **Race\*** Caucasian **Sex\*** Male

8. **Prior Experience** Served on the Teacher Examination Advisory Committee, the Standing Technical Advisory Council, Michigan Deans' Council and the Periodic Review Council

9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations** University of Michigan - Dearborn

10. **Education** Ph.D. University of Chicago, 1971

11. **Miscellaneous** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional

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Mark Seals Biographical Resume

**Nomination for** Miller College - Committee of Scholars  
Name of Advisory Committee

1. **Name** Mark Seals

2. **Address** 435 S. Alger Rd., Ithaca MI 48847

3. **Present Position** Department Chair of Education – Assistant Principal

4. **Business Address** 614 W. Superior St., Alma MI 48801

5. **Telephone Home** 989/875-7333 **Business** 989/463-7166

**Fax** 989/463-7079 **E-Mail** seals@alma.edu

6. **Nominating Organization** Michigan Department of Education

7. **Race\*** Caucasian **Sex\*** Male

8. **Prior Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations**

DARTEP, MACTE, NSTA, MSTA, AACTE

10. **Education** Doctor of Philosophy, Purdue University: Curriculum and Instruction

11. **Miscellaneous** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Dr. Chery Wagonlander Biographical Resume

**Nomination for** Miller College - Committee of Scholars  
Name of Advisory Committee

**1. Name** Dr. Chery S. Wagonlander

**2. Address** 12190 Wellington Dr., Grand Blanc, MI 48439

**3. Present Position** Principal, Mott Middle College High School

**4. Business Address** 1401 E. Court Street, Flint MI 48502

**5. Telephone Home** 810/695-6347 **Business** 810/232-8531

**Fax** 810/232-8660 **E-Mail** cwagonla@mott.gisd.k12.mi.us

**6. Nominating Organization** Michigan Department of Education

**7. Race\*** Caucasian **Sex\*** Female

**8. Prior Experience** Teacher, Counselor, Assistant Headmaster, Principal, Adjunct Instructor, Consultant and Early College Coach

**9. Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations** Delta Kappa Gamma, Career Prep Act Educational Advisory Group, EMU School of Education Advisory Board Member, Genesee County Community Action Resource Advisory Board, National Middle College Consortium Executive Board Member, MASSP, ASCD and National Center for Dropout Prevention.

**Education** BA University of Michigan-Flint, MA University of Michigan, Specialist Oakland University, Doctorate Eastern Michigan University

**Miscellaneous** Adjunct Instructor for Ferris State University Teacher Education, and Eastern Michigan University Education Leadership Department

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