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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2011

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Lynn Okagaki *LO*

Dean, College of Education and Human Development

RE: Permanent Status Program Review – Educational Specialist Program in School Psychology (Ed.S.)

I have reviewed the Permanent Status Program Review self-study report for the Educational Specialist Program in School Psychology (Ed.S.) and strongly endorse the continuance of the program. The Ed.S. degree replaced the former Specialist Certificate program in 2005. This move reflects a trend among top programs in school psychology and will ensure that the University of Delaware's program, which has been in existence since 1981, remains competitive.

I have no concerns about awarding the Ed.S. Program in School Psychology Permanent Program Status. The Ed.S. program is one of the most competitive programs in the School of Education and has an outstanding completion rate. The Specialist Program in School Psychology has maintained national accreditation since it was first awarded in 1994. In August 2011, the program was granted full accreditation by the National Association of School Psychologists for the maximum term of five years. The 1,800 hours of field experience is one of many strengths of the Ed.S. program, as is the thoughtfulness with which faculty have used program evaluation data to improve the program. Overall, the Educational Specialist Program in School Psychology fits solidly within the College of Education and Human Development's mission by integrating innovative research and real world experiences to train education leaders. I enthusiastically support permanent program status for the Ed.S. in School Psychology with no reservations.