

September 9, 2005

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Dear Mr. Shibley:

President V. Lane Rawlins has asked that I address your September 6, 2005 letter in my role

thoughtful attention to WSU's College of Education evaluation procedures outlined in your September 6, 2005 letter. Rest assured that the Professional Dispositions Evaluation (PDE) criteria will be applied to evaluate only Mr. Swan's teaching skills, which will include his demonstrated understanding of how students differ in their approaches to learning and his ability to create instructional opportunities adapted to diverse learners. We will not evaluate him based upon his political beliefs. However, he may not display prejudice in the classroom setting and expect to successfully complete this program.

Items 6 and 7 on the PDE were intended to reflect the state mandated pedagogy assessment