BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Endorsement (K-12)

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an undergraduate program leading to the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Endorsement. There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time, until 2014. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

Profile: Capital University is an independent, non-profit university established in 1830 and located in Columbus, Ohio. Capital University has an enrollment of more than 3500 undergraduate and graduate students.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Capital University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2013. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Capital University's educator preparation programs at the initial level until 2011.

Request: Capital University requests approval for the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement.

Background: Capital University offers majors at all levels in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio. As indicated by the title, the TESOL endorsement prepares K-12 teachers to teach English to speakers of other languages. Capital University's program is a one-year intensive program of four 4-credit courses plus a practicum experience for a total of 21 semester hours. Courses focus on second language acquisition, English language structure, sociolinguistics and culture, and assessment and evaluation. Students must have a current teaching license in order to enter the TESOL program.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a degree program leading to the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) endorsement. Approval is recommended for a three -year period of time, until 2014. In addition, it should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio endorsements and licenses continues to be met.

End of Comment Period: March 29, 2010
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Academic Quality Assurance has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents and any applicable standards and requirements established by the Ohio State Board of Education.

Sheryl Hansen 4/7/2011

Signature **Date**

APPROVED

JM Petro 4-11-11

Jim Petro, Chancellor **Date**

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