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## Action

### *Professional Services Committee*

#### **Report on the Meeting of the Teaching Performance Assessment Users Advisory Group**

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**Executive Summary:** On September 29, the Teaching Performance Assessment Users Advisory Group will hold its first meeting. This agenda item will provide an oral report on the meeting and will present any recommendations made by the group in an in-folder.

**Recommended Action:** Adoption of recommendations of Advisory Group

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#### **Strategic Plan Goal: 1**

#### **Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators**

- ◆ Sustain high quality standards for the preparation and performance of professional educators and for the accreditation of credential programs

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### **Introduction**

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### **Background**

At the June 2009 Commission meeting a report was given about the implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA). The report included a plan to establish a Teaching Performance Assessment Users Advisory Group, made up of representatives of each model of the TPA approved by the Commission, representatives of the segments charged with implementation of the TPA and measurement/assessment experts. The purpose of the group is to discuss issues related to the implementation, evaluation and improvement of the TPA. Each constituency selected participants for this group and the first meeting was scheduled for September 29 in Sacramento.

On September 10, a group of individuals from the California State University and the University of California held a meeting at the Commission offices to discuss how to implement the TPA in the current fiscal environment and to explore ways in which the costs of implementation might be reduced. A number of suggestions were made in the meeting. However, it was understood that these suggestions would need to be presented to the TPA Users Advisory Group for further consideration and that some of the suggestions would require Commission action if they were to be implemented.

As a part of the agenda of the September 29 meeting, the suggestions of the TPA Users Advisory Group will be discussed. The purpose of the discussion will be to consider the feasibility of implementation of the money-saving suggestions. If the Users Advisory Group determines that particular suggestions are feasible, a plan will be developed to implement them. If Commission action is needed, specific recommendations will be made to the Commission. An oral report on the meeting will be presented and an in-folder item will be presented with any recommendations for Commission action from the Users Advisory Group.