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To: Dr. John Watson  
Vice-President of Academic Affairs

From: V. Carole Smith, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor for Middle Level Education

Re: Report on use of Professional Development Grant

I received \$1772.00 from the Professional Development Grant Committee. I used this money to enhance my own professional development and that of the ATU Middle Level Program, by attending the 2013 Association of Teacher Educator Summer Conference in Washington, D. C. I have been active in this organization for the twelve years that I have been in higher education.

I was a part of the governance at this meeting as a member of:

- The Awards committee
- The 2014 Conference Planning Committee for St. Louis, Missouri.
- The 2015 Conference Planning Committee for Phoenix, Arizona.
- The Efficacy Commission.
- The Middle Level Special Interest Group
- The Leadership Academy

I also made a presentation:

“Tracing the Development of the Pre-Service Middle Level Teacher”

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in professional organizations and conferences. For teacher education faculty, it is crucial for them to maintain professional connections, by exposure to cutting edge knowledge in teacher education, and to revitalize our own enthusiasm and motivation for teaching. In our profession, it is important that we see and participate in what we teach.