


November 14, 2010

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 \$1641.00 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 two conferences: 2010 Higher Education Symposium and the National Middle School Association National Conference.

The objectives for my attending this conference were:

To attend conference sessions that is relevant to writing a comprehensive NCATE SPA report.

- To network with other middle level colleagues who have written or supervised the writing of an NCATE SPA reports.
- A SPA report for ATU's Middle Level Education is due in March 2011. I have been designated as the member of the faculty in the College of Education who will write the report.

Dissemination of Results

I have already met with the Department Chairperson for Curriculum and Instruction and with the NATE Steering Committee Chairperson and shared the information that I received at this conference.

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 exposed to cutting edge knowledge in teacher education, and to revitalize our on enthusiasm and motivation for teaching. In our profession, it is important that we see and participate in what we teach.

Results: We have been Nationally Recognized with conditions by the middle level spa National Middle School Association (Association for Middle Level Education).