STEM Teacher Prep Program Supplement Funding 7/06/17

It is with pleasure we announce that our one-year supplement for replicating the Mt. SAC STEM Teacher Preparation Program (STEM TP2) was funded by the NSF in the amount of \$105,843. Thank you for your interest in the program and for the strong letters of collaboration. We are certain that your letters had a major impact on the project getting funded.

We would like to provide a little bit of information about the project plan at this time. Briefly, and as we planned in the supplement, we will organize two 1.5 day-long meetings (days TBD later); the first meeting sometime in the fall and the other four to six months later. The meetings will be all-day Friday and half-day on Saturday. The location will be at the Cal Poly Pomona Kellogg West Conference Center. We have not yet set a *first* meeting agenda but suggest that we

"(i) examine Mt. SAC STEM TP2 major program components and the resources necessary for replication at each campus, (ii) brainstorm, discuss and strategize plans for potential program replication at Saddleback, PCC and ELAC, and (iii) discuss and explore the possibility of establishing articulation and transfer pathways between the two-year and the four-year schools' teacher preparation programs".

To keep the meetings focused and on the task, we will have a facilitator oversee and guide us in our progress. We may also have keynote speakers at the first meeting. The team from your school may include, Deans, STEM faculty, STEM counselors and articulation officers, and anyone else you feel would be involved in the project at your institution. We are limited by the budget to four persons per school. Thank you.

We will send more information about scheduling our first meeting in early fall. Meanwhile, have a great summer and thank you again for your interest in the program.

We look forward to working with all of you in the fall.

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