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To the NACADA Region 8 Steering Committee

I write to express my sincere interest in and apply for the position of Oregon Liaison for the NACADA Region 8 Steering Committee.

My experience with NACADA includes full participation in the 2011 NACADA Summer institute in Fort Collins, Co. During this institute, I had the opportunity to collaborate with community college advisors, deliver my presentation to a group of advisors about improving math readiness at PCC, and fully engage with NACADA members throughout the country about ways to improve student success. Recently, I attended the NACADA drive-in conference in Monmouth, OR, and continued forming connections with advisors from across the state. Additionally, I'm familiar with key NACADA research from extensive study of best practices in advising as a PSU graduate student.

To this committee, I offer ten years of academic advising experience, helping students in a variety of majors achieve their academic goals. A big part of this experience is sound knowledge of academic programs not only at PCC, but also of four year institutions with which I collaborate daily. A key attribute I offer the Steering Committee is a deep commitment to student success. As a committed advisor, I bring to the committee the skill set of an open mind and willingness to share best practices in collaborating with advisors from other community colleges and universities across the Northwest. Another skill set is sharp communication skills in writing and speaking, which I freely offer to the group.

An idea I propose for NACADA members is to form a blueprint for academic advisors to better collaborate with their faculty colleagues. Such a collaboration would allow faculty members to better understand advising processes, which can work to increase the efficiency of advising at two and four year institutions.

Thanks you for considering my candidacy for the Region 8 steering committee as Oregon Liaison.

James Fasulo