

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

FROM: SEAN FERGUSON, PRESIDENT OF BROCKPORT STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND HEATHER RYAN, CHIEF OF STAFF OF BROCKPORT STUDENT GOVERNMENT

DATE: APRIL 4, 2014

SUBJECT: edTPA-TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

I recommend that the Student Assembly adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the edTPA is a new performance based assessment required by New York State for initial teacher certification for students applying for certification after May 1, 2014 that will cost \$300; and

Whereas current State Education Department student teaching regulations provide inadequate time for student teachers to complete the edTPA requirements; and

Whereas the undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs have not been given adequate time to make the necessary curriculum adjustments to prepare students for the edTPA; and

Whereas the edTPA requirements detract from the student teaching experience which is essential in preparing student teaching candidates entering the teaching profession; and

Whereas the edTPA requirements are tailored to a specific classroom setting that is not always available to student teaching candidates; and

Whereas there are National, State & Campus experts who oppose the New York State current implementation as an assessment for initial certification; and

Whereas the edTPA is more appropriate as a performance based assessment for professional certification after teachers have had longer term teaching experience and have had the ability to develop rapport with students; and let it be

Resolved that the Student Assembly calls on the Chancellor and SUNY Presidents to contact the Board of Regents and New York State Department of

Education and express opposition of the edTPA examination; and

Resolved that the Student Assembly request for a postponed implementation date for the edTPA in order to increase teacher preparation programs and teacher candidates time to prepare to ensure optimum student success, therefore, let it be

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed, but not limited to, the Chancellor of SUNY Nancy L. Zimpher, SUNY Presidents, and SUNY Student Government Associations.