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To: Gavin Keulks, Faculty Senate President and the Executive Committee

From: Mary Harden, ARC co-chair

RE: Eiken Proficiency Examination for International Students

Dr. Kent Neely presented a proposal for acceptance of the Eiken Proficiency Examination as an assessment tool determining eligibility for international students to attend WOU and as a waiver for the BA language requirement to the Academic Requirement Committee.

The Eiken Proficiency Examination is the most recognized proficiency exam in Japan and would, therefore, make it easier for Japanese students to enroll at WOU. This exam would be an addition to the two proficiency examinations WOU accepts and is on par with the rigor and depth of TOEFL.

The Academic Requirement Committee strongly recommends acceptance of Eiken as an alternative proficiency examination at WOU.