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TO: APA Board of Officers

FROM: Alexandra Bradner, Executive Director, AAPT

RE: Progress report for the APA Board of Directors on the AAPT Graduate Student and Early Career Seminar on Teaching and Learning, to be supported a $5,000 APA small grant

Unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the AAPT’s Biennial International Workshop-Conference, which was planned for the summer of 2020 at Otterbein University, was cancelled. In place of the in-person conference, we organized a virtual conference to respond to our field’s two emergent teaching challenges: AAPT 2020: Anti-Racist and Pandemic Pedagogies. But we did not hold the weeklong AAPT Graduate Student and Early Career (GSEC) Seminar on Teaching and Learning as a part of that virtual conference.

We have rescheduled the biennial conference for July 21-25, 2021 at Otterbein University and plan to hold the GSEC Seminar at that time. We already have selected the Seminar facilitators and completed the syllabus. But we have yet to select the participants. The conference was cancelled just before that stage of our process.

The AAPT is extremely grateful for the APA’s continuing support of this seminar for new philosophy teachers. Very few graduate programs offer meaningful, research-based, discipline-specific training in pedagogy. We believe that the GSEC seminar fulfills a need, and the APA funding has made it possible for us to offer our dream version of the initiative.