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**BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

**In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Teaching License of) FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND
MICHAEL LYNN CARPENTER) AND PROBATION**

On or about September 11, 2009 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the North Wasco County School District, stating that Michael Lynn Carpenter (Carpenter) made a fraudulent representation regarding a student record.

After review of the matters alleged, Carpenter and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand and four year Probation.

By signing below, Carpenter acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Carpenter nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

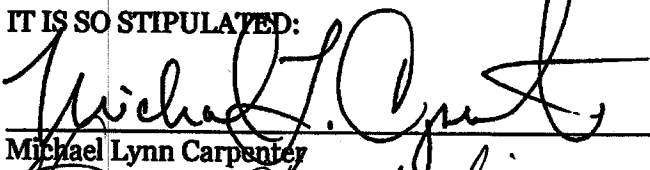
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STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed Carpenter since August 12, 1977. Carpenter's current Standard Personnel Service License, with a Standard Counselor endorsement, issued on April 16, 2006, is valid until April 15, 2011. During all relevant times, Carpenter was employed by the North Wasco County School District.
2. On August 3, 2009 Carpenter sent a letter to the NCAA Eligibility Center. The letter falsely indicated that an independent study course a student from the North Wasco County School District took was in fact a World Literature (English) course. Carpenter sent this letter in order to help a former graduate maintain his eligibility to play golf at the university level. Carpenter also told the student to state he took the English course if the NCAA asked him about it.


IT IS SO STIPULATED:



 Michael Lynn Carpenter

3/31/2011

 Date



 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

4-6-11

 Date

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Michael Lynn Carpenter. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(c) (*Using and maintaining student records as required by federal and state law and district policies and procedures*), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*).

The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

1. Michael Lynn Carpenter is hereby reprimanded
2. Michael Lynn Carpenter is hereby placed on probation for a period of four (4) years from the date this order is signed subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Mr. Carpenter will adhere to Commission and district rules related to handling student information.
 - b. Mr. Carpenter shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the Commission to revoke Mr. Carpenter's teaching license, revoke his right to apply for a license, or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Mr. Carpenter with notice and opportunity for hearing.

Issued and dated this 16th day of May, 2011.

**TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF OREGON**

By 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director