IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE TK20 DATABASE

Dear PACE and LSE Students,

For several years, the Graduate School of Education has looked for the right technology to improve instruction and services for you, our students. We have looked for a comprehensive data system that would do several things, including:

• Improve the student application process
• Enhance student advising
• Enable students to submit important work and receive feedback online
• Facilitate collaborative evaluations between instructors, supervisors, and students

We found such a system in the form of the Tk20 database and have implemented it. The new system will greatly benefit you and our academic programs. You will have access to a tool that will help you complete course assignments and receive timely and thorough feedback from your instructors and supervisors. Student advising can become more responsive because of improved data management. In addition to its other benefits, Tk20 will help faculty and students bring technology into the teaching-learning process. In order to be the comprehensive system we need, all students need to be enrolled in Tk20.

You will need access to the system in order to complete some of your course assignments as well as for evaluation purposes. For this access, the company charges a fee of $100 that you will pay directly to Tk20. Instructions for payment can be found on this website: http://www.tk20.pdx.edu. Select the link that says “If you are a newly admitted student to a Graduate School of Education program and have not already purchased a Tk20 account, please click here to purchase your student account.”

This is a one-time-only fee. That means you will have access to Tk20 for up to one hundred years. The system is secure and confidential; no one will have access to your files except you and your instructors and advisors. The department will verify that you have purchased a Tk20 account before granting your degree.

If you are receiving financial aid, you can use that aid to purchase your Tk20 account by visiting the PSU bookstore. For instructions, please visit http://www.pdx.edu/education/tk20-information.

Sincerely,

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