

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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
AMY E. WILSON)

DEFAULT ORDER OF
REVOCATION OF
RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE

On December 14, 2007, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Amy E. Wilson (Wilson) in which the Commission charged her with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7006 0810 0001 4602 2074 to the address Ms. Wilson provided to the Commission. The U.S. First Class Mail was returned unsigned to the Commission on November 19, 2007. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December 14, 2007, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Amy E. Wilson, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."

Ms. Wilson did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Ms. Wilson to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 2, 2003, the Commission issued Ms. Wilson an Initial Teaching License with Language Arts and Social Studies Endorsements. Said license expired on August 24, 2007.

2. During the 2003-2004 school year while teaching at Rainier High School, Ms. Wilson informed LK, a Rainier High School staff member, that she was attracted to her and had feelings for her. Ms. Willson used the term “hump sisters” in reference to her and LK, and told at least one student of this term. LK learned from a student that Ms. Wilson referred to her and LK as the “hump sisters”. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(I) (Sexual harassment), as defined under OAR 584-020-0005(6). Ms. Wilson’s statement to the student that she

1 used the term "hump sisters" in reference to her and LK constituted gross neglect of duty in violation
2 of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0010(5)
3 (Professional judgment)

4 3. On or about May 13, 2004, Ms. Willson grabbed the front of NS's shirt and speaking loud
5 enough for a student walking by to hear she said, "let's go have sex, no.lets go do shrooms, no.lets
6 get drunk and have sex." NS, an educator, was offended and in disbelief that Ms. Wilson made that
7 statement. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(l).
8 (Sexual harassment), as defined under OAR 584-020-0005(6). Ms. Wilson's statement made while a
9 student walked by constituted gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
10 incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Professional judgment)

11 4. In the spring of 2004, RB, a fellow staff member, heard Ms. Wilson tell a student on at least
12 one occasion to "check out her box", which, the staff member reported, Ms. Wilson knew had a double
13 meaning of referring to an inbox as well as to female genitalia. This conduct constitutes gross neglect
14 of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-
15 020-0010(5) (Professional judgment), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards
16 outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c). (Maintain an appropriate professional student-teacher
17 relationship).

18 5. During the 2003-2004 school year while teaching at Rainier High School, Ms. Wilson was
19 often observed sitting very close to students alone in her classroom. On one occasion, Ms. Wilson
20 was viewing something appearing to be a calendar with DC, a student. When RB, a fellow staff
21 member, walked in, Ms. Wilson closed the desk drawer and told RB "you probably don't want to see
22 this. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
23 incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Professional judgment), and OAR 584-
24 020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in of OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c). (Maintain an
25 appropriate professional student-teacher relationship).

1 6. On or about May 14, 2004, during a school investigation into Ms. Wilson's conduct a male
2 student, DC reported having been to her home, at which time DC and Ms. Wilson discussed her
3 tattoos and her feelings toward him and other students. During one conversation at Ms. Wilson's
4 home, she told DC that she could not have sex with him. DC was "weirded out" by Ms. Wilson's
5 statement. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
6 incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c). (Maintain an appropriate
7 professional student-teacher relationship).

8 7. On or about May 14, 2004 during a school investigation into Ms. Wilson's conduct, she
9 reported that male student, DC had inappropriate feelings for her and that she informed him that she
10 could not have sex with him. Ms. Wilson's failure to report her perception in advance to her
11 supervisor that DC had inappropriate feelings for her constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
12 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C)
13 (Reporting to the educator's supervisor if the educator has reason to believe a student is or may be
14 becoming romantically attached to the educator).

15 8. In 2004, Ms. Wilson took two students with her to a tattoo parlor in Washington, without first
16 obtaining parental permission. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR OAR
17 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in 584-020-0035(1)(c). (Maintain an
18 appropriate professional student-teacher relationship).

19 9. Ms. Wilson failed to respond to requests for information from, or participate in an interview
20 with, the Commission. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-
21 0040(4)(p) (Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator
22 under investigation to respond to requests for information, to furnish documents or to participate in
23 interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation).

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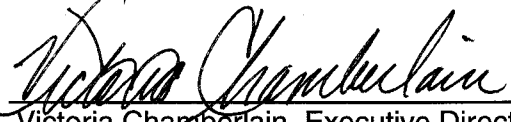
1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Ms. Wilson's failure to use professional judgment, sexual harassment, failure to maintain an
3 appropriate professional student-teacher relationship and failure to report to supervisor if the educator
4 has reason to believe a student is or may be becoming romantically attached to the educator
5 constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-040(4)(l) as defined under OAR 584-
6 020-0005(6) and 584-020-0040(n) as it incorporates the standards outlined in 584-020-0010(5) and
7 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in 584-020-0035(1)(c) and (1)(c)(C). Ms.
8 Wilson's failure to respond to the Commission's requests for information constitutes Gross Neglect of
9 Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this
10 matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

11 **ORDER**

12 The Commission hereby revokes Amy E. Wilson's right to apply for a teaching license.
13 IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of February, 2008.

14 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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16 By: 
17 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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19 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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21 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
22 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
23 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE
24 OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.