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South Carolina Department of Education
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Dear Dr. Burns:

Presbyterian College and the Department of Music at Presbyterian College, with the consent of the Department of Education, have recommended the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree at Presbyterian College. This recommendation has been accepted and approved by the Academic Affairs Council of the college faculty.

Some of the reasons cited for elimination are thus:

1. Decrease in demand at PC for the BS Music Education degree;
2. Subsequent low enrollments for all upper-level supporting classes and the loss of sufficient peer-experiences for those students in the program;
3. Limitations on funding that require the careful stewardship and redistribution of available funds;
4. A reorientation of departmental outcomes that resulted in an re-emphasis on the remaining Bachelor of Arts in Music; and,
5. National Association of Music accreditations issues arising from both the "professional" character of the Music Education program and our low enrollment figures.

Therefore, the Department of Music at Presbyterian College, while recognizing the importance of the Music Education major, can no longer offer classes and devote faculty and budget resources to teach under-subscribed classes.

There is a single student currently in the program who is scheduled to graduate in May 2017. We have endeavored to, and will, provide all classes (or substitute classes) in order for the student to not only complete requirements on time, but to continue to prepare for a life as a professionally licensed teacher. Department of Education personnel will work arm-in-arm with Department of Music personnel to supervise, shepherd, and mentor this student through the remainder of his time at PC. During Fall term 2016, the student, will complete all curricular requirements prior to the Spring term 2017 when the student will be registered for the directed teaching clinical curriculum.

If you need any additional information, do not hesitate to let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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