

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CODE:** EP-01  
**COMMITTEE:** Education Professions  
**DATE:** October 11, 2016

**SUBJECT/TITLE**

Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Two Educator Preparation Units

**PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM**

24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-90 (2006) gives the State Board of Education (SBE) the authority to approve the accreditation of educator preparation units in South Carolina.

**CRITICAL FACTS**

During the fall 2015, Limestone College underwent an on-site legacy accreditation review by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The unit was evaluated using the performance-based NCATE standards. In May 2016, Limestone College was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level for the next seven years. The next accreditation visit is scheduled for fall 2022.

On September 9, 2016, the PRC considered the NCATE-legacy continuing accreditation recommendation. The NCATE decision was recommended for approval. The NCATE-legacy accreditation action letter and action report are attached.

**TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS**

- October 2015 NCATE-legacy/state on-site accreditation review was conducted.
- May 2015 CAEP's Continuous Improvement Commission issued the accreditation decision for Limestone College.
- September 2016 The PRC considered and recommended for approval the NCATE-legacy accreditation decision.
- October 2016 PRC recommendation submitted to the SBE for approval.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

**COST:** N/A  
**FUND/SOURCE:** N/A

## ATTACHMENTS

**Attachments:**  yes       no  
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

**Name of Attachments:**

- 1. Limestone Action Letter**
- 2. Limestone Action Report**

## RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Educator Services recommends that the SBE approve the PRC recommendation for accreditation decision at Limestone College.

## ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: