

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	EP-03
COMMITTEE:	Education Professions
DATE:	February 10, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Three Educator Preparation Units

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

Program Approval Standards for South Carolina Teacher Education Institutions, 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-90 (2011), gives the State Board of Education (SBE) the authority to approve the accreditation of educator preparation units in South Carolina.

CRITICAL FACTS

During the spring of 2015, three educator preparation units underwent an on-site legacy accreditation review by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All three units were evaluated using the performance-based NCATE standards. The unit at Benedict College was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level until spring 2017. The unit at Charleston Southern University was granted continuing accreditation at the initial and advanced levels until spring 2022. The unit at the University of South Carolina Beaufort was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level until spring 2022.

On January 8, 2016, the PRC considered the NCATE-legacy recommendations. The NCATE decisions for all three institutions were recommended for approval. The NCATE-legacy accreditation action letters and action reports are attached.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- February, March, and April 2015 NCATE-legacy/State on-site accreditation reviews were conducted.
- October 2015 CAEP's Selected Improvement Commission issued accreditation decisions on three Educator Preparation Units.
- January 2016 The PRC considered and recommended three NCATE-legacy accreditation decisions for approval.
- February 2016 The PRC's recommendations are 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: Benedict College Action Letter, Benedict College Action Report, Charleston Southern University Action Letter, Charleston Southern University Action Report, University of South Carolina Beaufort Action Letter, and University of South Carolina Beaufort Action Report

RECOMMENDATION

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the accreditation decisions for Benedict College, Charleston Southern University, and the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: