

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	EP-01
COMMITTEE:	Education Professions
DATE:	June 14, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Morris College's Program Modification Requests

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

Program Approval Standards for South Carolina Teacher Education Institutions, 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-90 (2006), require the formation of the PRC for the purpose of making recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBE) regarding the approval status of Educator Preparation Units and Programs.

CRITICAL FACTS

Excerpt from the Standards, Policies, and Procedures for South Carolina Educator Preparation Units document regarding program modifications: *“Since programs are under continuous review, it will not be unusual for an existing program to seek a modification based on changes in the profession as well as on data about candidate performance. Programs in the public domain should consult initially with the staff of the South Carolina CHE to determine if the modification should be managed by letter of notification or through a more formal program modification process. Once a modification is reviewed and approved by the CHE, the OCRP will use that same documentation to review the status of the modified program. Programs in the private domain should consult with personnel in the OCRP to determine the amount of documentation required to recognize the modification. In most cases, the change will be taken to the PRC and the SBE for information only. If the program modification involves a substantive change in mission, outcomes, or courses that may affect the certification status of completers, a peer review will be conducted, the results of which will be submitted to the PRC for a recommendation to the SBE”.*

The Office of Educator Services received six program modification requests from Morris College in April 2016. The program modification requests are for the secondary biology, English, mathematics, and social studies programs; the early childhood education program; and the elementary education program. Morris College seeks to modify coursework in the programs to better align with current professional standards and requirements. In addition, Morris College has had to consider programmatic changes due to the implementation of Read to Succeed coursework. The PRC reviewed and recommended for approval the six program modification requests at the May 6, 2016, PRC meeting.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- April 2016 The Office of Educator Services received six program modification requests from Morris College.
- May 2016 The PRC reviewed and recommended for approval the six program modification requests.
- June 2016 The program modification requests were submitted to the Education Professions Committee (EPC) for review and approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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

ATTACHMENTS

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

Name of Attachments:

1. Secondary Biology Program Modification Request
2. Early Childhood Education Program Modification Request
3. Elementary Education Program Modification Request
4. Secondary English Program Modification Request
5. Secondary Mathematics Program Modification Request
6. Secondary Social Studies Program Modification Request

RECOMMENDATION

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the following program modification requests with an effective date of fall 2016:

1. Secondary Biology
2. Early Childhood Education
3. Elementary Education
4. Secondary English
5. Secondary Mathematics
6. Secondary Social Studies

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: