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Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Advisory Committee on Academic Programs

From: Dr. Gail M. Morrison, Director of Academic Affairs and
Licensing

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Consideration of Request for the Addition of an Accrediting Agency to the List of National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Bodies Recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Lander University requests the addition of the Montessori Accrediting Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) to the *List of National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Bodies Recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education*. MACTE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an approved accrediting body and therefore is eligible to be added to the list as an approved accrediting agency. Additional information about MACTE can be accessed at <http://www.macte.org/Recognition.htm>.

According to the request submitted by Lander University, "CHE recognition of MACTE will ensure that Montessori teacher preparation programs offered to South Carolina's public school teachers will adhere to curriculum, contact hours, student assessment and essential standards established by the profession."

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs commend favorably the addition of the Montessori Accrediting Council for Teacher Education to the *List of National Institutional and Specialized Accrediting Bodies Recognized by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education*.