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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Tim Hofferth and Members, SC Commission on Higher Education
From: Chair Terrye Seckinger, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Report on Staff-Approved Mission Statement Revisions

In keeping with the Commission's *Policy and Procedures for Approval of New or Revised Mission Statements*, Commission staff approved a mission statement revision from the following institution during FY 2015-16:

- Spartanburg Community College

The changes were determined to be minor as defined by the policy, which reads: "minor revision are those revisions which do not change the nature, function, type, or sector of the institution. Examples include revisions for clarity and grammar, changes in size, CHE-approved changes in program mix, board-approved name changes, and editorial changes." As such, the proposed changes were considered and approved at the staff level. The revised statement is attached.

Spartanburg Community College

Vision

Spartanburg Community College is a catalyst in changing lives, building the future of our students and citizens, and developing the economy of the Upstate.

Mission

Spartanburg Community College provides exceptional, accessible, learning centered education and workforce development programs and services.

College Role and Scope

Spartanburg Community College (SCC) is a public, two-year, multi-site, suburban college serving the citizens and communities of Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union Counties of South Carolina. SCC implements its mission through programs, services and partnerships that include:

College Credit Programs

SCC serves 7,000 to 10,000 credit students annually through classroom, hybrid and e-learning courses leading to associate degrees, diplomas and certificates designed for direct job placement, as well as associate degrees designed for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Corporate and Community Education Programs (Non-Credit Programs)

SCC serves approximately 5,000 students annually through classroom, hybrid and online learning courses. The college provides professional and career development programs for business and industry, manufacturing, health care, nonprofits, and governmental agencies. The college provides customized training and development courses to business and industry. Personal enrichment courses are also offered.

Student Development Programs and Services

SCC provides opportunities that promote college readiness for students who are unprepared for college-level courses. These opportunities are provided through a wide variety of academic and student support services with an emphasis on preparing the student to enter and be successful in a program of study that builds academic and employability skills as well as personal and professional growth.

Economic Development Services

SCC proactively seeks to promote business growth in the service area through its Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Development.

College Values

Learning: We believe in the worth of individuals and their potential for growth and development. We encourage students to reach their highest potential by helping them acquire a strong work ethic and by promoting a desire for lifelong learning. We build a community of learners who are prepared for employment and/or further education.

Excellence: We believe in the quality of our teaching and learning. We are innovative and continuously search for ways to improve our programs, services, and operations. We develop the professional potential of faculty and staff so that we uphold high academic and customer service standards. We recognize merit in both students and employees.

Diversity: We believe in the necessity of access to programs and services for the diverse populations we serve. We appreciate their perspectives and experiences. We encourage each person to learn at the highest levels of achievement through a variety of programs in a variety of formats. We practice teamwork and effective communication while maintaining a climate of mutual trust, respect, and fairness.

Partnerships: We believe in the strength of community. We instill a sense of college pride in students. We build strong alliances with other educational institutions, employers, organizations and communities to enhance opportunities for our students and to improve their quality of life. We participate in the community's growth and development, and encourage faculty and staff to serve as leaders and role models.

Accountability: We believe in the power of responsibility. We stress students' active role in their own learning, growth and development. We give employees responsibility for job performance. We strive to be cost effective and efficient in providing quality education and services to our students and communities. We actively seek additional resources to help meet student and community needs.

Approved by the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education on March 21, 2016.

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