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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair, and Members, S.C. Commission on Higher Education

From: Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Presentation of Interim Report on Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs, July 2011 – January 2012 (For Information Only)

Background

This report contains information on the number of existing academic degree programs terminated, approved, and modified by the Commission from July 2011 – January 2012. During this period, the institutions terminated eight academic degree programs, received approval for four new academic degree programs, and modified four degree programs. The listing of academic degree programs terminated, approved, and modified is found in Attachment 1. This information is presented to members of the Committee for information only to provide an overview of program approval activity from July 2011 – January 2012.

Terminations of Academic Degree Programs

From July 2011 – January 2012, four institutions terminated academic degree programs. Clemson University terminated the program leading to the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education. Lander University terminated the program leading to the Master of Education in Elementary Education. The University of South Carolina – Columbia terminated five academic degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Business and Technology Education, Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Master of Arts in Teaching in Business Education, Master of Music in Music Theory, and the Doctor of Education in Health Education Administration. Winthrop University terminated the program leading to the Master of Science in Software Development.

The programs terminated encompass three different fields as shown in Table 1. Table 2 shows the institutions that terminated programs.

Table 1. Terminated Academic Degree Programs for Public Institutions in S.C., July 2011 – January 2012

Curricular Area	Associate Degrees	Bachelor Degrees	Master Degrees	Doctoral Degrees	Total
Computer Science			1		1
Education		2	3	1	6
Music			1		1
Total	0	2	5	1	8

Table 2. Terminated Academic Degree for Public Institutions in S.C. by Institution, July 2011 – January 2012

Curricular Area	Associate Degrees	Bachelor Degrees	Master Degrees	Doctoral Degrees	Total
Clemson			1		1
Lander			1		1
USC Columbia		2	2	1	5
Winthrop			1		1
Total	0	2	5	1	8

Approval of Academic Degree Programs

From July 2011 – January 2012, three institutions received approval to offer new academic degree programs. The institutions developed three new academic degree programs at the bachelor’s degree level and one academic degree program at the master’s degree level.

The College of Charleston added the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts/Artium Baccalaureatus in Exercise Science and the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts/Artium Baccalaureatus or Bachelor of Science/Artium Baccalaureatus in Public Health.

Lander University added the program leading to the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning with concentrations in Diverse Learners, Exercise and Sports Studies, and Instructional Technology. This degree program replaced the terminated Master of Education in Elementary Education program.

The University of South Carolina –Beaufort added the program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies.

The programs approved encompass different fields as shown in Table 3. Table 4 shows the institutions that added programs.

Table 3. Approved Academic Degree Programs for Public Institutions in S.C., July 2011 – January 2012

Curricular Area	Associate Degrees	Bachelor Degrees	Master Degrees	Doctoral Degrees	Total
Communication Studies		1			1
Education			1		1
Exercise Science		1			1
Public Health		1			1
Total	0	3	1	0	4

Table 4. Approved Academic Degree Programs for Public Institutions in S.C. by Institution, July 2011 – January 2012

Curricular Area	Associate Degrees	Bachelor Degrees	Master Degrees	Doctoral Degrees	Total
College of Charleston		2			2
Lander			1		1
USC Beaufort		1			1
Total	0	2	1	0	4

Modifications of Academic Degree Programs

Four degree programs were modified during this period, including three at the bachelor’s degree level and one at the master’s degree level. Clemson University modified the existing program leading to the Bachelors of Arts degree in Science Education by adding a Physics concentration to meet an existing need for more teachers of physics in South Carolina. The University of South Carolina – Upstate modified the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education by replacing the concentration of Corporate Fitness with the concentration of Exercise and Sport Science to bring the curriculum into conformity with national standards for the field. Winthrop University modified the Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications by eliminating the concentrations of Journalism and Broadcasting in order to offer a single option degree program in response to changes in the industry. Winthrop University also added Chemistry to the program leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching.

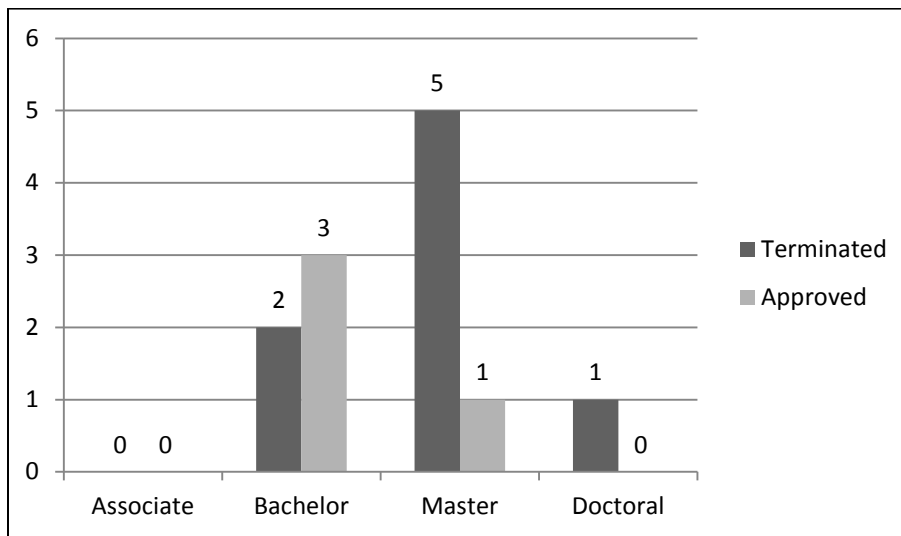
Comparison of Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs

Tables 5 and 6 and Figures 1 and 2 compare the number of academic degree programs terminated with the number of those approved by category and by type of institution, respectively.

Table 5. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Degree Level, July 2011 – January 2012

	Terminated Programs	Approved Programs	Net
Associate	0	0	0
Bachelor	2	3	1
Master	5	1	-4
Doctoral	1	0	-1
Total	8	4	-4

Figure 1. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Degree Level, July 2011 – January 2012

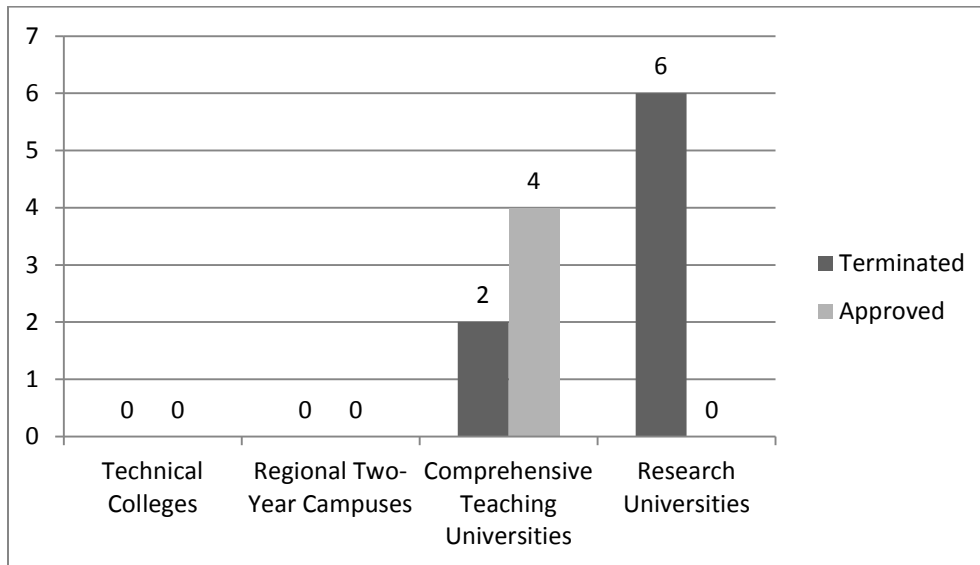


As shown above, the majority of the academic degree program terminations occurred at the master’s degree level.

Table 6. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Institution Type, July 2011 – January 2012

	Terminated Programs	Approved Programs	Net
Technical Colleges	0	0	0
Regional Two-Year Campuses	0	0	0
Comprehensive Teaching Universities	2	4	2
Research Universities	6	0	-6
Total	8	4	-4

Figure 2. Terminated and Approved Academic Degree Programs by Institution Type, July 2011 – January 2012



Overall, the comprehensive teaching and research universities produced all of the academic degree program terminations with the majority of the terminations occurring at the research universities for a net loss of six academic degree programs at those institutions. The comprehensive teaching universities received all of the new academic degree program approvals for a net gain of two academic degree programs for those institutions.

**Terminated, Approved, and Modified Academic Degree Programs, July 2011 –
January 2012**

Academic Degree Programs Terminated

Clemson University

- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education

Lander University

- Master of Education in Elementary Education

University of South Carolina-Columbia

- Bachelor of Science in Business and Technology Education
- Bachelor of Science in Business Education
- Master of Arts in Teaching in Business Education
- Master of Music in Music Theory
- Doctor of Education in Health Education Administration

Winthrop University

- Master of Science in Software Development

Academic Degree Programs Approved

College of Charleston

- Bachelor of Arts/Artium Baccalaureatus in Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Arts/Artium Baccalaureatus and Bachelor of Science/Artium Baccalaureatus in Public Health

Lander University

- Master of Education in Teaching and Learning with concentrations in Diverse Learners, Exercise and Sports Studies, and Instructional Technology

University of South Carolina-Beaufort

- Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies

Program Modifications Approved

Clemson University

- Bachelor of Arts in Science Teaching, Concentration in Physics

University of South Carolina Upstate

- Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Concentration in Exercise and Sport Science

Winthrop University

- Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications
- Master of Arts in Teaching, Addition of Chemistry