

May 7, 2010

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Dear Dr. Potts:

At its April 18-21, 2010 meeting in Portland, Oregon, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the application for continuing accreditation of the Professional Education Unit as the unit that oversees the professional education offerings at Arkansas State University. I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to continue accreditation at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels of the Professional Education Unit at Arkansas State University. The copy of this letter sent to the head of your professional education unit includes a certificate in acknowledgement of the unit's accomplishment.

NCATE's decision to continue the accreditation of Arkansas State University requires that the institution host a visit, no later than **Fall 2011**, focused solely on Standard 2 at the advanced level, which was found unmet by the Unit Accreditation Board. Following the visit, the actions that may be rendered by the Unit Accreditation Board include continuing accreditation or revocation of accreditation. General guidelines for focused visits can be accessed on NCATE's website at:

<http://www.ncate.org/institutions/guidelinesFocusedVisit.asp?ch=44>

Details of the Unit Accreditation Board's findings are provided in the enclosed accreditation action report. Strengths noted in the Board of Examiners report have not been reiterated in this report but are certainly considered part of the institution's accreditation visit record. You may use the information provided in the Board of Examiners report at your discretion.

Your institution will be required to complete Parts A, B, and C of the AACTE/NCATE annual report each year during the accreditation period. You are required to report specifically on progress toward removing the areas for improvement cited. In addition, you will be expected to report evaluations and changes in relation to the six standards.

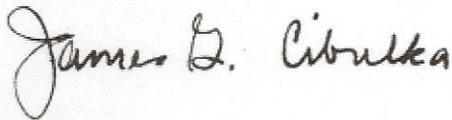
The recent meeting of NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board culminates several years of preparation and deliberation on the part of both the institution seeking accreditation and NCATE. Beginning with the institutional self-study and ending with the deliberations of the Unit Accreditation Board, a great deal of thought and effort went into the accreditation process. NCATE places great faith in its Board of Examiners members and the Unit Accreditation Board, and we want you to know that your unit was examined with great care throughout each stage of the accreditation process. Moreover, we have been most pleased with the cooperation received from the faculty, staff, and administration of your institution. Please let us know if there is anything we might do to explain the findings of the Board or to assist you in determining any future courses of action.

Enclosed is a copy of NCATE's Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record and lists other parties who will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement with NCATE, the state agency with program approval authority receives a copy of this letter. NCATE requires that the unit's accreditation status, as well as the possible outcomes of the next review, be communicated by the institution to candidates enrolled in professional education programs.

To celebrate your accreditation, I encourage you to use the online press packet on NCATE's website. From the homepage, click on "Institutions," then "Resources," then "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating Accreditation." The packet includes a sample press release announcing a school of education's accreditation status to the media, as well as samples of announcements that can be sent to P-12 schools, foundations, businesses, policymakers, and other stakeholders in your area. Other strategies are also included for garnering media attention throughout the year. In addition, because the education unit is professionally accredited, we encourage you to use the NCATE logo on print materials such as brochures and catalogs, as well as on your unit's website. The logo can be found at the link just above "Press Packet" under the subhead "Celebrating Accreditation" as noted above. The logo is a distinctive mark that demonstrates that you have met demanding national professional standards for educator preparation.

You may receive press inquiries regarding the Unit Accreditation Board's recent decision. If you need assistance with these inquiries, feel free to contact the Communications Department at the NCATE office. Should you have any questions regarding NCATE's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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President

Enclosures

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