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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

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

Informational Report on Licensing Activities for Degree-Granting Institutions FY 2007- 2008

Background

At the September 4, 2008, meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing the *Information Report on Approved and Terminated Programs for Public Institutions for Fiscal Year 2007-2008* was reviewed and approved. At that same meeting the Committee requested that the staff report similar information on nonpublic postsecondary institutions licensed by the Commission. In response to the Committee's request, this report has been prepared for the Committee's information only. The information found in the tables of the Report covers the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Under South Carolina law, all licenses for higher education institutions operating in the state are program- and site-specific. Thus, an institution must first be approved by the Commission to operate at a given site for the offering of a given program or programs. Under the following conditions an institution which is already licensed must apply for an amendment to its license when:

- It seeks to add a field or major not previously offered if that field/major constitutes more than 18 semester hours of credit.
- Academic requirements in an existing field or major are changed which constitute 25% or more of that field or major as originally licensed.

- Cumulative changes in the course of a calendar year equal or exceed 25% of the field or major as originally licensed.

Requests for initial licensure of new degree-granting institutions, amendments to existing licenses to add degree programs at in-state institutions, and amendments to existing licenses to add in-state sites to licensed institutions are all evaluated by the licensing staff in the Division of Academic Affairs. Staff then refers these requests to the Committee on Academic Affairs with an appropriate recommendation for action.

For changes of less consequence than those described in the two paragraphs immediately above, a licensed institution meets the requirements of the law by simply notifying the Commission in writing. Such minor changes include institutional changes in:

- Course requirements in an existing program which constitute less than 25% of the program’s academic requirements in a year.
- A “concentration” within a program of study which constitutes 18 credit hours or less.
- A name for an existing program of study.
- The mode of delivery for an existing program of study.

This report has been organized to reflect comprehensively the staff work required to assure that the law is applied appropriately in the licensing of qualified institutions seeking to offer academic programs of higher education within the state of South Carolina. Listed herein are the following sections:

- I. Approval of Initial Requests for Licenses
- II. Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs
- III. Amendments to Existing License to Add New Site

Included herein are the following tables:

- Table 1. Approval of Initial Requests for Licenses**
- Table 2. Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs**
- Table 3. Amendment to Existing License to Add New Site**
- Table 4. Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate in SC – With Sites in SC**
- Table 5. Institutions/Programs Licensed by CHE for Recruiting Only in SC**

I. Approval of Initial Requests for Licenses

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved two applications for initial licensure in 2007-2008. One was for Virginia College to open

a branch in Greenville to offer programs leading to associate's and bachelor's degrees. The other application was for Remington College to open a branch in Columbia to offer programs leading to associate's degrees. The following table shows the programs approved for each location.

Table 1. Approval of Initial Requests for Licenses

Institution	Broad Program Area	Curricular Area	Degree		Total	Location
			A*	B**		
Remington	Business/Management	Business Administration	1		1	Columbia
Virginia	Business/Management	Administrative Office Management	1		1	Greenville
Virginia	Business/Management	Medical Office Management	1		1	Greenville
Virginia	Business/Management	Business Administration		1	1	Greenville
Virginia	Business/Management	Health Services Management		1	1	Greenville
Remington	Computer/IT	Computer and Network Administration	1		1	Columbia
Virginia	Computer/IT	Computer-Aided Drafting and Design	1		1	Greenville
Remington	Security & Protective Services	Criminal Justice	1		1	Columbia
Virginia	Security & Protective Services	Criminal Justice	1	1	2	Greenville
Virginia	Health Care Professions	Surgical Technology	1		1	Greenville
Virginia	Health Care Professions	Therapeutic Massage	1		1	Greenville
Virginia	Legal Professions	Paralegal Studies	1		1	Greenville
			10	3	13	

*Associate's

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II. Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved requests for amendments to existing licenses to add five new programs at the bachelor’s level, three at the master’s degree level, and no doctoral programs.

Table 2. Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs

Institution	Broad Program Area	Curricular Area	B*	M**	Total	Location
Art Institute	Business/Management	Fashion and Retail Management	1		1	Charleston
Art Institute	Visual and Performing Arts	Digital Filmmaking & Video Production	1		1	Charleston
Lesley	Education	Elementary Education: Profession and Practice		1	1	Statewide
Lesley	Education	Mathematics Education		1	1	Statewide
Lesley	Education	Science Education		1	1	Statewide
		Total	2	3	5	

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**Master’s

III. Amendment to Existing License to Add New Site

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing and the Commission approved one request for amendment to an existing license to add a new site for Troy University in Rock Hill to offer programs leading to bachelor’s and master’s degrees as shown on the following table.

Table 3. Amendment to Existing License to Add New Site

Institution	Broad Program Area	Curricular Area	B*	M**	Total	Location
Troy	Business/Management	Business Administration	1		1	Rock Hill
Troy	Business/Management	Human Resources Management		1	1	Rock Hill
Troy	Business/Management	Management		1	1	Rock Hill
Troy	Business/Management	Public Administration		1	1	Rock Hill
Troy	Security and Protective Services	Criminal Justice	1	1	2	Rock Hill
		Totals	2	4	6	

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Table 4 lists all degree-granting, nonpublic, postsecondary institutions which are currently licensed (2008) with sites in South Carolina. They offer 164 degree programs consisting of 57 associate's, 57 bachelor's, 47 master's, two professional, and one doctorate.

Table 4. Degree-Granting Institutions Licensed to Operate in SC – With Sites in SC

	Name/location	Main Campus if out of State	Degree level - # of programs	Accreditation	Profit/Non	Location
1.	American College of the Building Arts		A-1 B-1	None	Non	Charleston
2.	Art Institute of Charleston	Atlanta, GA	A-4 B-7	SACS	Profit	Charleston
3.	Centura College (formerly Beta Tech)	Virginia Beach, VA	A-1	ACCSCT	Profit	Columbia
4.	Charleston School of Law		Professional-JD	ABA candidate	Profit	Charleston
5.	ECPI College of Technology	Virginia Beach, VA	A-4 B-4	SACS	Profit	Greenville, Charleston, Columbia
6.	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach, FL	A-2 B-3 M-4	SACS	Non	Greenville
7.	Forrest Junior College		A-3	ACICS	Profit	Anderson
8.	Gardner-Webb	Boiling Springs	M-3	SACS	Non	Spartanburg
9.	Golf Academy of America	Scottsdale, AZ	A-2	ACICS	Profit	Myrtle Beach
10.	ITT Technical Institute	Indianapolis, IN	A-5 B-6	ACICS	Profit	Columbia, Greenville
11.	Lehigh University	Bethlehem, PA	M-8	MSA	Non	Charleston
12.	Lesley University (Several sites)	Cambridge, MA	M-5	NEASC	Non	
13.	Miller-Motte Technical College	Virginia Beach, VA	A-10	ACICS	Profit	Charleston
14.	Nova SE University	Fort Lauderdale, FL	D-1	SACS	Non	Columbia, Greenwood, Anderson, Charleston
15.	Professional Golfers Career College	Temecula, CA	A-1	ACICS	Profit	Bluffton
16.	Remington College	Mobile, AL	A-3	ACCSCT	Profit	Columbia
17.	Saint Leo University	Saint Leo, Florida	A-1 B-4	SACS	Non	Sumter
18.	Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic		Professional (DC)	SACS/CCE	Non	Spartanburg
19.	South University	Savannah, GA	A-6 B-9 M-3	SACS	Profit	Columbia
20.	Springfield College	Springfield, MA	B-1 M-1	NEASC	Non	Charleston
21.	Strayer University	Washington, DC	A-7 B-5 M-5	MSA	Profit	Greenville, Columbia, Charleston

22.	Troy University	Troy, AL	B-3 M-6	SACS	Non	Sumter, Charleston
23.	University of Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	B-6 M-4	NCA	Profit	Columbia
24.	Virginia College	Birmingham, AL	A-7 B-3	ACICS	Profit	Greenville
25.	Webster University	St. Louis, MO	B-5 M-8	NCA	Non	Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Greenville, Columbia

Table 5 lists degree-granting, nonpublic, postsecondary institutions only *recruiting* in SC. These institutions do not have any on-ground sites in SC.

Table 5. Institutions/Programs Licensed by CHE for Recruiting Only in SC

Institution	Degrees	Modality of Recruitment	Modality for Program Delivery	Location
Capella University Minneapolis, MN	B.S. Ed.S. M.B.A. M.S. Ph.D. Psy. D.	Advertising, agents	On-line	Statewide
DeVry University Phoenix, AZ Miramar, FL Orlando, FL Alpharetta, GA Decatur, GA Chicago, IL Columbus, OH	A.A.S. B.S. M.S.	Advertising, agents	A.A.S. and B.S. on-ground M.S. on-line	Statewide
Nashville Auto-Diesel College (NADC) Nashville, TN	A.A.S. A.O.S.	Advertising, agents	On-ground	Statewide
Walden University Minneapolis, MN	B.S. Ed.D. M.B.A. M.P.A. M.P.H. M.S. Ph.D.	Advertising, agents	On-line	Statewide
Westwood University Atlanta, GA (two sites)	A.A.S. A.O.S. B.S.	Advertising, agents	On-ground	Statewide