

Summary of UAB Actions March 28-April 1, 2004

Accreditation Decisions

Sixty-eight institutions were reviewed by the Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) at its March 28-April 1 meeting. Twelve institutions were seeking accreditation for the first time (as well as one institution that sought first accreditation at the advanced level), 49 were seeking continuing accreditation, and seven had submitted documentation to remove conditions or provisions. In addition, three institutions were accepted as candidates for accreditation. The following accreditation decisions were made.

Statistics for March 2004 Accreditation Decisions

First Accreditation

Accredited	9	72%
Provisional Accreditation	3	24%
Denial of Accreditation	0.5*	4%
Total Seeking First Accreditation	12.5	100%

Continuing Accreditation

Accreditation Continued	39
Accredited with Conditions	6
Accredited with Probation	3
Accreditation Decision Pending Appeal	1
Total Seeking Continuing Accreditation	49
Conditions Removed	4
Conditions Not Removed	3

*0.5 is an indication that an institution had a different decision at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels.

Trigger Review Process

The UAB voted to add alternate procedures to the current policy on trigger review, for cases when the institution has just hosted a visit or will host a visit soon. The revised policy is:

Special Reviews of Annual Reports

NCATE has adopted a policy for screening annual reports—on an annual basis—to identify concerns that might require further examination by the Annual Report and Preconditions Audit (ARPA) Committee. The following characteristics will trigger a special review of annual reports:

- *a 25 percent decrease in the overall unit budget from the previous reporting year;*
- *a 25 percent decrease in full-time faculty from the previous reporting year;*
- *information that a unit may no longer be meeting preconditions, including:*

- *Title II data indicating that a unit is not meeting the required state pass rates on licensure exams;*
- *a change in the state-approved status of the professional education unit, as identified by the state licensing agency; and*
- *a change in institutional accreditation status.*

Any annual reports identified by these triggers will be submitted to the ARPA Committee for further examination at its spring meeting. After reviewing the identified reports, the ARPA committee will make recommendations to the UAB regarding subsequent actions. The ARPA committee will recommend that the institution submit additional information, that a focused visit take place, or that the investigation be closed. Institutions are automatically asked to submit a report to the ARPA committee when an adverse change occurs in the state-approved status of the professional education unit or in the institutional accreditation status.

Institutions that have experienced a 25 percent decrease in faculty size or budget should use Part C of the annual report to explain the circumstances under which these changes have occurred and the institutional response. Reporting on significant changes and institutional responses in annual reports will decrease the possibility that the institution will be asked to submit a special report to the ARPA Committee.

In cases when the institution is scheduled for a visit during the spring semester in which ARPA will meet, or during the following fall semester, the Board of Examiners team will review the situation as part of its regular accreditation review. In cases when the institution hosted a visit during the fall semester prior to ARPA's meeting, the Unit Accreditation Board audit committee will review the situation as part of its regular accreditation review.

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Timeline to Remove Conditions, Provisions, and Probation

The UAB voted to amend the timeline for the on-site visit to remove provisions, conditions, and probation from two years to 18 months beginning with on-site visits in fall 2007 (the first institutions in the seven-year cycle). Revisions to the current procedures are indicated in the following excerpt from the UAB Operating Procedures.

5.1 Audit Committee Functions

- (a) The audit committee shall determine whether a professional education unit seeking initial accreditation meets or does not meet unit standards, based on the Board of Examiners Report, the institutional rejoinder, and the institutional report;
- (b) The audit committee shall reach agreement on areas for improvement to be cited in the Action Report to an institution.
- (c) The audit committee shall recommend one of the following accreditation actions for the professional education unit. (If the audit committee's accreditation recommendation is different for each of the two preparation levels of the unit, i.e., the *initial teacher prepara-*

tion and the *advanced* levels, the committee must make a separate accreditation motion for each level.)

Current Accreditation Status	Possible Accreditation Action	Consequence of Accreditation Action
<i>Candidate for Accreditation (First Accreditation)</i>	Accreditation	Next review scheduled five years from semester of visit
	Provisional Accreditation*	Institution must submit documentation that addresses the unmet standard(s) within 6 months of the decision, or host a focused visit on the unmet standard(s) within 18 months of the semester in which the decision was rendered. When a decision is made to require documentation, the institution may choose to waive that option in favor of a focused visit within 18 months of the semester in which the decision was rendered.
	Denial of accreditation*	Institution has option of returning to two-year candidacy status.
<i>Currently Provisionally Accredited</i>	Accreditation	Next review scheduled five years from semester of first accreditation visit
	Required Focused Visit	Focused visit on unmet standard(s) will take place within one year of semester in which documentation was submitted.
	Denial of Accreditation*	Institution has option of returning to two-year candidacy status.
<i>Currently Accredited and Applying for Continuing Accreditation</i>	Continuing Accreditation	Next review scheduled in seven years (or, in some states, five years)
	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions*	Institution must submit documentation that addresses the unmet standard(s) within 6 months of the decision, or host a focused visit on the unmet standard(s) within 18 months of the semester in which the decision was rendered. When a decision is made to require documentation, the institution may choose to waive that option in favor of a focused visit within 18 months of the semester in which the decision was rendered.

Current Accreditation Status	Possible Accreditation Action	Consequence of Accreditation Action
	Continuing Accreditation with Probation*	To retain accreditation, must have another full visit within 18 months from semester of decision
<i>Currently Accredited with Conditions</i>	Continuing Accreditation	Next review scheduled seven years (or, in some states, five years) from semester in which continuing accreditation visit took place
	Required Focused Visit	Focused visit on unmet standard(s) will take place within one year of semester in which documentation was submitted.
	Revocation of Accreditation*	
<i>Currently Accredited with Probation</i>	Continuing Accreditation	Probationary status removed; next visit scheduled five years from semester of probation visit
	Revocation of Accreditation*	

*Decision may be appealed.

UAB ACCREDITATION ACTIONS
March 2004

The Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) met March 28-April 1, 2004, in Salt Lake City, UT. The following represent the final accreditation decisions made by that board on the schools, colleges, or departments of education at the following institutions. Accreditation action reports are available to the public on request for institutions whose accreditation was denied, was granted provisionally, or was continued with probation or conditions.

First Accreditation

Accreditation Granted

Brenau University (GA)
California Lutheran University (CA)
Dillard University (LA)
Eastern Connecticut State University
(*initial*)
Five Towns College (NY)

Olivet Nazarene University (IL)
St. Bonaventure University (NY)
St. Thomas Aquinas College (NY)
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
(*advanced*)
University of Missouri-Columbia

Accreditation with Provisions

Eastern Connecticut State University
(*advanced*)
State University College at Fredonia (NY)

University of Maryland Eastern Shore
(*initial*)
University of Texas at Arlington-
documentation

Denial of Accreditation

Marygrove College (MI) (*advanced*)

Provisions Removed: None

Continuing Accreditation

Accreditation Continued

Alabama A&M University-removal of
probation
Alabama State University
Barton College (NC)
Belmont Abbey College (NC)
Bennett College (NC)
Calvin College (MI)
Chicago State University (IL)
Cleveland State University (OH)
Delaware State University
DePaul University (IL)
Duke University (NC)
Eastern Michigan University
Emporia State University (KS)
Franklin College (IN)
George Mason University (VA)
Grambling State University (LA)

Hendrix College (AR)
Illinois State University
Longwood University (VA)
Morehead State University (KY)
Nicholls State University (LA) -removal of
probation
Northeastern Illinois University
Northeastern State University (OK)
Northwestern College (IA)
Peru State College (NE)
Radford University (VA)
Sam Houston State University (TX)-removal
of probation
Southwest Missouri State University
Spalding University (KY)
University of Central Arkansas
University of Delaware

University of Indianapolis
University of Puerto Rico
University of South Carolina at Columbia
University of South Carolina at Spartanburg
University of St. Mary (KS) (*advanced*) -
removal of probation

Accreditation with Conditions

Baylor University (TX) (*initial*)
The College of William & Mary (VA)
Marygrove College (MI) (*initial*)
Spelman College (GA)
Troy State University Dothan (AL)

Accreditation with Probation

Baylor University (TX) (*advanced*)
Fort Valley State University (GA)

Conditions Removed

Boise State University (ID) (*advanced*)
Campbell University (NC)

Conditions Not Removed

University of Toledo (OH)
University of West Florida
Winona State University (MN) (*initial*)
Winthrop University (SC)

University of Missouri at Kansas City
(*initial*)
Wingate University (NC)
Winona State University (MN) (*advanced*)

University of Missouri at Kansas City
(*advanced*)
University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse

Tuskegee University (AL)
Wheelock College (MA) (*precondition 7*)

Ball State University (IN) (*advanced*)
Queens University of Charlotte (NC)
San Jose State University (CA)

Approval of Candidacy

The following institutions have met the preconditions necessary to host a first accreditation review and have been accepted by the UAB as candidates for accreditation.

North Greenville College, SC
Notre Dame College of Ohio
University of Arkansas, Fort Smith