

May 10, 2013

Dr. Gene I. Awakuni
Chancellor
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu
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Dear Dr. Awakuni:

I am pleased to inform you that the Unit Accreditation Board (UAB), at its April 21-24, 2013 meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, granted accreditation to the Division of Education at University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu at the initial teacher preparation level. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. A certificate that acknowledges the unit's accomplishment is enclosed with the copy of this letter that has been sent to the head of your professional education unit.

Details of the UAB's findings are provided in the enclosed accreditation action report. You are welcome to use the information provided in this report, as well as that contained within the Board of Examiners' report as you see fit.

The next accreditation visit – held under the auspices of the new accrediting body, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) – is scheduled for **Fall 2019**. As the transition to CAEP progresses, you will receive more information. In the meantime, educator preparation providers are asked to complete the NCATE annual report each year during the accreditation period. You are required to report specifically on progress toward correcting areas for improvement cited in the action report. In addition, we ask that you provide us with information on your unit's efforts to assure that you continue to meet expectations of the unit standards.

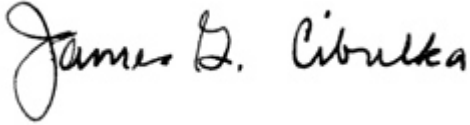
Also, for your information enclosed is a copy of NCATE's Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record. This document also indicates organizations that will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement with NCATE, the state agency with program approval authority has access to these documents online through NCATE's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

To celebrate your accreditation, I encourage you to use the online resources available at <http://goo.gl/9nym3>. The press packet includes a sample press release announcing an educator preparation provider'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 your 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.

Congratulations again on this accomplishment, and thank you for your commitment to high-quality educator preparation as exemplified by your participation in national accreditation. Should you have any questions

regarding NCATE's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact Patty Garvin, Director of Accreditation for Continuous Improvement and Transformation Initiatives at patty@ncate.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Cibulka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James G. Cibulka
President

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Mary F. Heller, Division of Education
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