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National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

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President

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Dr. Joseph Rallo
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Dear Dr. Rallo:

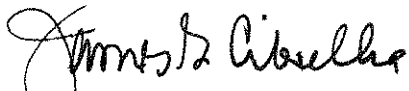
At its October 2008 meeting in Washington, DC the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) considered the application for candidacy of the Education Department, as the unit that oversees the professional education offerings at Angelo State University. I am pleased to inform you of the Unit Accreditation Board's decision to accept Angelo State University as a formal candidate for accreditation.

As you may know, candidacy is the status granted to unaccredited professional education units that plan to seek accreditation from NCATE. An institution's unit officially becomes a candidate after the UAB has declared that NCATE's nine preconditions have been met. At that time, units are expected to submit the AACTE/NCATE joint report form annually and host a Board of Examiners team within two years. If your institution participates in the NCATE Program Review Process, all program reports must be submitted one year prior to your scheduled on-site visit. The designation of candidacy authorizes the institution to advise its constituents that it is in fact seeking NCATE accreditation within two years. During this time, the institution must be making a good faith effort to meet NCATE's standards.

Enclosed with the copy of this letter that is sent to the head of the professional education unit is a copy of the timeline for first accreditation visits. If the Education Department has not yet received confirmation from NCATE regarding the specific dates of the visit, the next step will be for the unit to reach agreement with the state on the dates the visit will take place. At that time, the unit should submit the date preference request to Ms. Monica Siengo at msiengo@ncate.org.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your professional education unit for reaching this milestone in the accreditation process. If we can be of any assistance as you prepare for the on-site visit by the Board of Examiners team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



James Cibulka

Enclosure: Timeline for first accreditation visits (unit head only)

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