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RESOLUTION

Approving a change to the Mission of Francis Marion University to include offering of professional degrees at the doctorate level

Whereas, Francis Marion University is charged with the mission of providing baccalaureate and graduate education for the state of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the mission of Francis Marion University is to address the educational needs of the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Francis Marion University currently graduates advanced practice registered nurses at the masters level; and

Whereas, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has called for moving the level of preparation of advanced practice registered nurses from a master's level to the doctorate level; and

Whereas, there are other professional healthcare programs that are moving to or have moved to doctorate degrees;

Be it therefore resolved that the mission of Francis Marion University be changed such that the University offers professional degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctorate levels.

APPROVED: Willie P. Gunn
Secretary, Board of Trustees for Francis Marion University

DATE: November 17, 2016

Presented by the Academic Affairs and Accreditation Committee
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