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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Lee Hall, Dean
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FROM: Martin Nash, Executive Director
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DATE: November 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Conditional Approval

Department readers have completed the review of the UTM's ESL PreK-12, Reading Specialist PreK-12, Gifted PreK-12, Chemistry/Physics 7-12, and Mathematics/Physics 7-12 licensure program proposals. Based on this preliminary paper review, the Department's Office of Teacher Education and Accreditation is granting conditional approval for UTM to proceed with implementation of the licensure program until a program approval visit occurs, following which final approval will be considered.

The attached reviewers' questions and comments should be addressed in a rejoinder format as soon as possible and certainly prior to an on-campus visit to review the program. The comments reflect the reviewers' questions or concerns based on the State Board of Education's policy, licensure standards, and guidelines. If you or your staff has any questions after reviewing the comments, do not hesitate to call me at 615/532-6212 or email Martin.Nash@tn.gov. Also, if you would like a hard copy version of this correspondence, please let me know.

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