

May 19, 2006

Dr. Daniel J. LaVista  
Executive Director  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia  
101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
James Monroe Building  
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Final Regulations Governing the Certification of Certain  
Institutions to Confer Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates  
8 VAC 40-31 et seq.

Dear Dr. LaVista:

I have reviewed the final version of the above-referenced regulations. In my view, the Council has the authority to promulgate these regulations, pursuant to Title 23 of the Code of Virginia.

Please contact me at (804) 786-7363 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Anthony P. Meredith*

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