

May 17, 2008

Dr. Joseph H. Stafford, Assistant Commissioner
Academic Affairs and Research
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
P.O. Box 12788
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Dear Dr. Stafford:

As requested, please find enclosed vitae for doctoral faculty members providing instruction in the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership program and the Ph.D. in Clinical Adolescent Psychology program. Additionally, you will find below, in chart format, responses to questions and/or challenges you posed in correspondence for the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership issued on April 14, 2008.

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership

Question/Challenge	Response
Increase the number of faculty actively engaged in research	Faculty members providing instruction in the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership are continuously working to increase their research productivity; moreover, faculty members are diligently working to engage students in research projects and have assisted a number of students in publishing in peer-reviewed journals. <i>(See enclosed charts displaying research productivity of faculty and students since the inception of the program.)</i>
Promote and provide student financial support.	The practitioner based program design (evenings and weekends) permits students enrolled in the Ph.D. program to continue their full-time employment while pursuing their degree. The diverse teaching and administrative roles held by students range from lead teacher/department head to assistant superintendent. The salaries earned far exceed the amount allocated for graduate assistantships; therefore, it is extremely difficult to identify and secure full time graduate assistants. The University recognizes the value of there being doctoral students who are committed to full-time study that places them in the academic environment on a daily basis for that is likely the best way of fully assimilating them into the profession and to scholarship throughout their professional careers. Vigorous recruitment efforts for doctoral candidates willing to make the commitment to traditional pattern of pursuit of the degree will be employed during the 2009-2010 academic year.
Were commitments in the original proposal (i.e. faculty, computers, furniture, telephones, classroom equipment and library and instructional technology resources (\$500k) satisfied?	Financial commitments outlined in the original proposal have and are currently being satisfied as denoted below.

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership

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Were commitments in the original proposal (i.e. faculty, computers, furniture, telephones, classroom equipment and library and instructional technology resources (\$500k) satisfied?	<p><i>Faculty:</i> Two additional Ph.D. faculty members were hired during the 07-08 academic year. Job postings are currently being drafted and placed to hire additional faculty for the 08-09 academic year.</p> <p><i>Computers:</i> Computers and all the requisite software have been purchased for each faculty providing instruction in the Ph.D. program. Additionally, a computer lab (Delco 321) with 20 computers has been established for student use. All computer equipment is updated, maintained and/or replaced according to the University's computer replacement schedule.</p> <p><i>Furniture and Telephones:</i> Standard office furniture has been purchased and a state of the art digital telephone system installed.</p> <p><i>Classroom Equipment:</i> A smart classroom has been designed and installed in the Wilhelmina Delco building room 217. Smart boards, Opaque and LCD projectors, 20+ personal laptops and compressed video connections are available for classroom instruction. Faculty and students also have access to other smart classrooms on campus funded by federal grants (i.e. W.R. Banks and E. O'Bannon Science Building).</p> <p><i>Library and Instructional Technology Resources:</i> Approximately 2000 titles have been purchased within the last five to seven years in Educational Leadership at the Prairie View A&M University Library. The Library also subscribes to general full-text databases: EBSCO's Academic Elite and Proquest that include approximately one hundred and fifty different e-journals. Subscriptions to over 30 education paper journals are available and Tex-Share and the Houston Area Research Library Consortium provide viable alternatives for Prairie View A&M University students to check-out books and other resources from seven other major universities and public libraries throughout the Houston area.</p>

If additional information is needed, please contact Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at 936.261.2175 or ejthomas-smith@pvamu.edu.

Sincerely,

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President

Enclosures

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