

AGENDA ITEM X-B (4)

Consideration of a request from Prairie View A&M University for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with major in Clinical Adolescent Psychology

RECOMMENDATION: Pending further staff review

Goal(s): Research, Excellence

The staff believes this program contribute to reaching the state's goal for research and excellence.

BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) already has an extensive array of degree programs within the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology that focus on the juvenile in our society. Those programs include master's and doctoral degrees in Juvenile Justice and a master's degree in Juvenile Forensic Psychology. The proposed PhD degree program in Clinical Adolescent Psychology would expand this array by adding a therapeutic orientation toward evaluation and treatment of psychological issues in adolescents. Graduates of this 85 semester-credit-hour doctoral program could become licensed psychologists, practice psychotherapy, apply research skills in both the psychology practice and juvenile justice systems, or supervise others in providing psychological services. The curriculum would be based upon the "scientist-practitioner" model, enabling graduates to do independent research as (scientists) and treat clients (as practitioners). This proposed program is included in the state's *Priority Plan to Strengthen Education at Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University*.

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Employment Opportunities

The job market for these doctoral graduates would be nationwide for both practitioners and faculty members. Four sources for positions were assessed in March 2004. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* listed 27 faculty positions across the country. A website (Jobvertise.com) listed eight positions for practicing clinical psychologists focusing on adolescents. The American Psychological Society listed three and the American Psychological Association listed 36 positions for practicing clinical psychologists with an adolescent emphasis. All four sources totaled 74 position openings relevant to doctoral graduates from the proposed program of Clinical Adolescent Psychology.

Projected Enrollment PVAMU expects to enroll ten students each year, resulting in a total enrollment of 34 by year four (and remaining stable).

Existing State Programs There are five public universities (and one private) in Texas that offered doctorates in Clinical Psychology. The closest is offered at The University of Houston. Those public university programs have produced a total of 128 graduates in the past five years. None focus on Clinical Adolescent Psychology.

QUALITY AND RESOURCES

Faculty Two full-time faculty members would teach courses in the proposed program. Additionally, the head of the Psychology Department would teach selected courses. PVAMU would hire four new full-time faculty members (two in year one and two in year two) at the associate- or full-professor level. (\$1,820,000 over five years)

Other Personnel Ten half-time graduate assistantships would be required to start the program, growing to 18 at maximum enrollment. (\$1,749,306 for five years)

Facilities, Equipment, and Library Resources Current facilities are adequate to begin the program. A new 68,000 square foot Juvenile Justice and Psychology building will be available in fall 2005. This new building could provide space for faculty, graduate assistants, classrooms, administrators, and a psychology clinic. Planned equipment purchases of \$26,500 would be scheduled over five years. Library resources would require an additional \$150,000 over five years to expand collections of materials associated with adolescent psychology.

Supplies and Materials Supplies and materials are expected to cost \$10,000 per year. (\$50,000 for years one to five)

Accreditation PVAMU intends to seek accreditation by the American Psychological Association for the proposed PhD.

Educator Certification Program Rated "accredited" by State Board for Educator Certification.

FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Personnel ¹	New: \$3,566,306 Reallocated: <u>\$761,375</u> Subtotal: \$4,654,181	Reallocated Funds	\$761,375
Facilities, Equipment, and Library Resources	\$176,500	Anticipated New Formula Funding	\$1,624,075
Supplies and Materials	\$50,000	Special Item Funding	\$0
Other ²	<u>\$100,000</u>	Other Funding ³	<u>\$2,313,230</u>
Est. 5-Year Costs	\$4,654,181	Est. 5-Year Revenues	\$4,698,680

The Chief Executive Officer of the institution has certified, and staff has determined, that the institution will have funds sufficient to support the proposed program. Because of the current economic hardships of the state, the staff re-confirmed the institution's financial and resource commitments to the program at the time these materials were written (March 2004).

Estimated formula funding generated by the institution in years three through five of the proposed program would total \$1,624,075.

¹Faculty, Administration, Graduate Assistants, Clerical/Staff

² Research start-up funds

³ Designated Priority Plan funding plus funds from the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center