

APPENDIX I

Request for Authorization to Establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education at North Carolina A&T State University

Introduction

North Carolina A&T State University notified General Administration of its intent to plan a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education (13.1205) on October 6, 2005. The university now requests approval to establish the program in August 2006.

Program Description

The proposed degree in Secondary Education is designed to prepare students for careers as teachers in secondary education. The proposed degree will replace eight previously existing programs at NC A&T State University that were discontinued in January 2006. The proposed degree in Secondary Education offers a high quality educational experience that should prepare students to pass the PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II (specialty area) exams, so that they can apply for state licensure to teach in their concentration areas and be successful and effective high school teachers. Students in the proposed degree program will be able to pursue concentrations in Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Mathematics, Music, and Physics. These students will take the same major courses as students in the major areas, follow a general education curriculum, and take specialized teaching methods courses.

The proposed program will be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. Each concentration will be in the appropriate academic department.

Program Need

The Secondary Education program is consistent with the overall mission of the university and responsive to the teacher shortage needs of the state. The proposed degree will strengthen students in the content areas because they are required to take upper-level courses for majors in the concentration areas. The program will also increase the number of students pursuing instruction in areas such as Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics. Moreover, the proposed program will serve as a mechanism for preparing teachers in shortage areas and for preparing diverse teachers. It is projected that there will be 59 majors in the proposed degree program by the end of the fourth year.

Resources

There will not be a need for the employment of new faculty. Facilities for the proposed program are adequate and most facilities are scheduled to be renovated. These facilities will be adequate for the foreseeable future. No additional costs are required to implement the proposed program. Projected increases in SCH will cover the costs of growth in this program.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve North Carolina A&T's request to establish the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education effective August 2006.