

## APPENDIX I

### **Request for Authorization to Establish a Master of School Administration Degree at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke**

#### **Introduction**

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke notified the UNC Office of the President of its intention to plan a Master of School Administration degree (CIP# 13.0405) on January 17, 2002. The university requests authorization to establish the program in August 2002.

#### **Program Description**

Action by the 2001 North Carolina General Assembly provided an opportunity for three UNC constituent institutions (NCA&TSU, NCCU, and UNCP) to establish master's programs in school administration (MSA). UNCP has been working cooperatively with ECU for the past four years to provide an MSA program for students in south central and southeastern North Carolina. UNCP is now prepared to offer an independent program based on the instructional methods, processes, and procedures identified in conjunction with ECU for the cooperative program. The 24 semester hours of graduate core courses are carefully planned components of instruction in the field of educational leadership, 8 semester hours of clinical experiences emphasize the development of leadership skills in context, and 6 hours of individualized electives provide additional learning in a cognate field. Non-credit, intensive skill workshops will also be provided in critical reading of professional literature, information processing, communicating in multimedia, and advancing the professional career.

#### **Program Need**

The requested program is in response to state and national data that indicate a shortage of school-based administrators due to retirements, changes in school staffing patterns, and enrollment growth. School systems in the UNCP service region have indicated consistently that there is not an adequate pool of well-trained candidates for positions, particularly Native American and African American candidates. Student demand has steadily increased for the cooperative program with ECU, and it is anticipated that interest will be sufficient to enroll annual full-time (two courses per semester plus summer courses) cohorts of 20 students.

#### **Resources**

Because UNCP faculty, courses, and facilities are already in place for the cooperative MSA program with ECU, all additional program costs can be met through internal reallocations and enrollment increase funds as the program builds to its full enrollment level. No new state allocations are requested.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to establish a Master of School Administration degree at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke effective August 1, 2002.