

APPENDIX F

August 26, 2002

MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs

From: Molly Corbett Broad

Subject: Establishment of the Center for Domestic and International Criminal Justice Research and Policy at North Carolina Central University

Request to Establish

In June 1999, North Carolina Central University received authorization to plan the Center for Domestic and International Criminal Justice Research and Policy. The planning is now complete, and NCCU has submitted a request to establish this unit as an institutional research center. The following sections briefly summarize the information provided by NCCU to satisfy the requirements of *Chapter 1200.6[R] in the University of North Carolina Policy Manual*.

Goals and Objectives

The center's mission is to address crime prevention and control issues from an interdisciplinary perspective in North Carolina, the United States, and internationally (with an emphasis on Africa) through the promotion of active learning, scholarship, and service to advance the general welfare of the citizenry. Specifically, the center will:

- Conduct and support research to advance our understanding of the nature of crime and delinquency, with emphasis on the impact of crime on African Americans and other ethnic communities;
- Initiate an interdisciplinary approach to address crime related to quality of life issues in both urban and rural communities in the United States and internationally;
- Initiate proactive efforts to impact public policy where criminal justice and related quality of life issues are concerned on local, state, and federal levels of domestic and international governments;
- Provide a forum where faculty and students can apply their academic and research skills to real-time problem solving and community development;
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information concerning crime prevention and control between the United States and the international community.

Relevance to Institutional Mission; Relationship with Existing Academic Units

The center results from NCCU's efforts to address social justice and quality of life issues posed by economic and social changes and globalization. The center will comprise the research arm of the Department of Criminal Justice and serve as host to entities that promote public safety through crime prevention and control. The only UNC unit with a similar mission is the North Carolina Center for Crime and Justice Research at North Carolina State University. That center is currently in the planning phase. If both are established, opportunities for collaboration and complimentary work would exist, as the NCCU center differs from the proposed NCSU center by emphasizing African American and other ethnic populations, juvenile justice, and international, comparative initiatives. Within NCCU, the center is expected to collaborate with the School of Law, School of Business, Office of International Affairs, Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Department of Geography, and Public Administration Program.

Anticipated Effects on Instructional Programs

The center will significantly impact instructional programs at NCCU. Consistent with the expected increase in student enrollment at NCCU, the Department of Criminal Justice is a target for growth. The Center will serve as a medium through which undergraduate and graduate students will be engaged in active scholarship through participation in ongoing research and colloquia. Specifically, advanced and specialty courses will be developed in order for the department to be responsive to changing trends and emerging issues within criminal justice and related disciplines. It is envisioned that with the center's international focus, an international concentration within the graduate program will be developed. Similarly, the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice is about to initiate planning for significant curriculum revisions. The status of the center will factor into curriculum revisions and the overall vision for the department. In addition, student and faculty exchanges with institutions in Africa will be pursued. The center will also explore the development of summer institutes once established.

Administrative Structure

Dr. Harvey McMurray, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, will serve as the center's initial Director for year one of the center's operations. Dr. McMurray served in Kampala, Uganda as a Senior Fulbright Scholar and has established working relationships with the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders; Makerere University, Uganda; National Teachers College at Kabele, Uganda; the Uganda Police Force, the South African Police Service, the U.S. Information Agency; the U.S. Department of State, and the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. After the center's first year of operations a search for a permanent Director will take place. The center would be a unit of the Department of Criminal Justice, a unit within the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Director will report to the department's Chair.

An advisory Board, composed of experts in criminal justice and related disciplines locally, nationally, and internationally, would oversee the center's programs and facilitate the center's outreach activities.

Budget and Anticipated Sources of Funding

The center's first- and second-year budgets, expected to be \$150,000 each, will be derive from Juvenile Justice Institute (an externally funded institute within the Department of Criminal Justice) and NCCU institutional funds. Support from these sources will increase by an estimated \$10,000 per year in succeeding years. Starting in its third year of operations, the center expects to receive \$105,000 in external funding, which is expected to increase to \$148,000 in year four and \$164,000 in year five. No additional state funding is requested with this establishment.

Space and Capital Needs

The center would be located in the Whiting Criminal Justice Building, which currently houses the Juvenile Justice Institute. No additional space or furnishings are needed to support the center's operations.

Recommendation

It is recommended that North Carolina Central University be authorized to establish the Center for Domestic and International Criminal Justice Research and Policy.