

APPENDIX G

August 26, 2002

MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs

From: Molly Corbett Broad

Subject: Establishment of the Center for Women's Health and Wellness at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Request to Establish

In March 2002, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro received authorization to plan the Center for Women's Health and Wellness. The planning is now complete, and UNCG has submitted a request to establish this unit as an institutional research center. The following sections briefly summarize the information provided by UNCG to satisfy the requirements of *Administrative Memorandum #373*.

Goals and Objectives

The mission of the Center for Women's Health and Wellness is to advance the understanding of the health and wellness of all women through collaborative research and educational programs. The center will have a strong emphasis on the promotion of positive health, quality of life, and sense of well-being for girls and women of all ages and all backgrounds and communities. Specifically, the center will:

- Promote and enhance ongoing research within the School of Health and Human Performance related to women's health and wellness;
- Foster collaborative research on women's health and wellness within the School of Health and Human Performance, within the University, and with community partners;
- Disseminate research-based information on women's health and wellness to researchers and scholars, practicing professionals, and the general public.

These activities will further the many ongoing activities within the School of Health and Human Performance that relate to the center's mission. The establishment of the center will facilitate collaborative planning, research activities, and efforts to obtain external funding. It also will enhance communication and collaborative activities across the campus and with community health programs and women's organizations.

Relevance to Institutional Mission; Relationship with Existing Academic Units

The center advances the research mission of the University, particularly the School of Health and Human Performance. As the former women's college of the UNC system, UNCG has a strong tradition in women's health and wellness. The center will cooperate with several UNCG units such as the Center for the Study of Social Issues; the Institute for Health, Science, and Society; and the schools of Nursing and Human Environmental Sciences. The only UNC unit with a similar mission is the Center for Advancement of Women's Health at ECU. That center is currently in the planning phase. The proposed missions of the two centers differ considerably, however, as each capitalizes on the strengths and traditions of its home institution and the resources of its regional community. The UNCG center would draw upon UNCG's strengths in education and social-behavioral sciences, as well as its tradition of fostering women's education and development. The proposed ECU center would emphasize medical sciences, patient care, and health services provision, which build on the strengths of ECU's medical school. Each center would serve a different geographic region and is committed to collaborating with the other on issues related to women's health and wellness.

Anticipated Effects on Instructional Programs

The center will not offer degree programs or faculty appointments. The center's collaborative research opportunities and educational programs will enhance the graduate programs in all departments in the School of Health and Human Performance. Faculty affiliated with the center may offer workshops or special courses, and opportunities for independent and collaborative projects will be enhanced.

Administrative Structure

The center's Director, Diane L. Gill, Professor of Exercise and Sports Science, will report to the Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance. A Policy Board, chaired by the Director and composed of representatives from the five departments within the School of Health and Human Performance (Communication Sciences and Disorders; Dance; Exercise, and Sports Science; Public Health Education; Recreation, Parks, and Tourism; and the Hospitality program), will guide the center's operations and policies. An Advisory Board, composed of UNCG faculty not affiliated with the School of Health and Human Performance, community representatives affiliated with programs dealing with women's health and wellness, and three to five external advisors who are nationally recognized experts on women's health and wellness research, will provide counsel on policies and activities and facilitate collaborative efforts with the University and larger community.

Budget and Anticipated Sources of Funding

The center's first-year budget is expected to be \$40,000 and will come from the School of Health and Human Performance and the Provost's Office. The center's second-year budget is expected to be \$100,000, increasing to \$280,000 in the center's fifth year. As the center expands, it is expected that external funds will provide support for operating costs and

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faculty research. Women's health and wellness is a major initiative of the Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance, and funding for the center is a high priority in ongoing School development efforts. No additional state funding is requested with this establishment.

Space and Capital Needs

Laboratory space for the center's operations and office space for the center's faculty and staff is available in the Health and Human Performance building. Needs for additional furniture, computers, and office space renovations are minimal and covered in the center's budget. As the center's activities and responsibilities expand, space needs are expected to increase and to be filled by UNCG.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the University of North Carolina at Greensboro be authorized to establish the Center for Women's Health and Wellness.