

## APPENDIX P

### Request for Authorization to Establish a Doctor of Philosophy in History at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

#### Introduction

The Board of Governors gave The University of North Carolina at Greensboro authorization to plan a Doctor of Philosophy in History (CIP #45.0801) in Long-Range Plan, IX 1994-1999. The request to establish the program was recommended by the UNC Graduate Council at its April 2002 meeting. The university requests authorization to establish the program, effective May 2002.

#### Program Description

The proposed doctoral program builds on UNCG's faculty strengths with a major in American history and minors in one of three fields: African American history, the history of the Atlantic World, or European history. Graduates of the program will be expected to demonstrate a superior knowledge of US history with an ability to integrate both comparative and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and research. The course of study is designed so that students will enlarge their perspective by viewing national history through a global prism. The program will prepare students to understand the complex global problems of the past and present and to comprehend racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity so important in understanding the past and preparing for the future. The program will feature extensive collaboration with several of UNCG's thirteen established doctoral programs in fields such as English and education so that students will develop the analytical skills and methodologies that they will need to demonstrate excellence in both teaching and scholarly research. The program builds upon UNCG's emphasis on the liberal arts and education in its authorized mission and its commitment to teaching based in scholarship and advancing knowledge through research.

#### Program Need

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University offer doctoral programs in history that are nationally recognized. Within the University of North Carolina, there are nine master's programs in history at ASU, ECU, FSU, NCCU, NCSU, UNCCH, UNCC, UNCG, and UNCW. The average total enrollment in these programs for the past five years has been 329 students with an average of 36 students in each program. Last year, the Ph.D. program at UNCCH received some 260 applications and it annually admits between 20-25 students. The proposed program at UNCG is designed for students who already have a master's degree in history and who seek doctoral training. The new program will recruit students regionally and nationally and it will also provide access to doctoral education for some of the best graduates of the nine UNC master's programs.

The program will collaborate with the other UNC master's programs in history. UNCG plans to examine distance education options and other collaborative possibilities to expand the range of courses, library resources and faculty expertise available in history departments throughout UNC. Administrators and faculty plan to start the program in 2002-2003 and enroll 7 full-time students and then increase by seven students each year reaching a steady-state enrollment of 28 students by the fourth year. The University plans to recruit high-quality students who will be prepared to compete for positions in state, regional, and national markets.

### **Resources**

The University will fund the new program through a combination of internal reallocation of resources, when resources are available, and enrollment increase funds. In the first three years, the university plans to add three new faculty positions. Administrators will also identify funds for graduate teaching assistants, additional support staff, and additional library resources to augment current holdings. The current budget crisis may require the university to rethink the implementation schedule.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors give the University of North Carolina at Greensboro authorization to establish the Doctor of Philosophy in History, effective May 2002.