

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Request for Authorization to Establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at North Carolina A&T State University**

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to establish a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Studies at Winston-Salem State University effective January 2003.

#### **Introduction**

North Carolina A&T State University was authorized by the Board of Governors to plan a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice (CIP# 43.0104) in Long Range Plan 2000-2005. The university requests authorization to establish the program in January 2003.

#### **Program Description**

The proposed program will provide students with knowledge of the nature and causes of crime, criminal justice processes, and law enforcement. Students will be introduced to social scientific methods and theoretical models needed for analysis and critique of the criminal justice system. Students majoring in Criminal Justice will receive a broad-based interdisciplinary education with particular focus on the nature and causes of crime and delinquency, corrections, the courts, law enforcement, the juvenile justice system, and domestic violence. The program will also be distinctive in emphasizing intervention strategies used in the prevention of crime. The program will be based in the Department of Political Science with core courses also coming from Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology. A unique feature of the program will be use of a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) laboratory that provides for research ranging from tracking crime statistics to documenting traffic stops. The university's recently established Domestic Violence Resource Center will also play an important role in the program.

#### **Program Need**

The proposed program responds to the NCA&TSU "FUTURES" document that calls for interdisciplinary programs that respond to societal issues requiring new solutions. This program will attract minority and non-traditional students through the feeder relationship with local community colleges. Of 177 interest cards received by the Department of Political Science from prospective majors in 2001-02, one-third of these requested information on a criminal justice program. Jobs in criminal justice, corrections, and security are anticipated to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2008. It is anticipated that this major will be very popular, with 140 full-time and 20 part-time students enrolled by its fourth year.

#### **Resources**

The UNC Office of the President provided a three-year "focused growth institution" grant of \$55,000 each year to plan and implement this program. Most courses, faculty, and facilities are in place to offer this multidisciplinary program. It is anticipated that enrollment increase funds will be adequate to fund the program, and no other new state resources are needed.

#### **Recommendation**

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