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May 25, 2004

Dr. George C. Wright
President
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Dear Dr. Wright:

Please pardon our delay in acknowledging your letter of March 26, 2004, and the prospectus for the Ph.D. in Clinical Adolescent Psychology planned for implementation in Fall, 2004. The program's emphasis will be in forensic assessment. The program will be taught on the main campus with a traditional classroom lecture/discussion method, enhanced by case studies and extensive use of technology. **Please provide some examples of the "extensive use of technology."** The institution currently offers the Master of Science in Juvenile Justice and the Master of Science in Juvenile Forensic Psychology, as well as the Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice degree programs. Faculty were appropriately involved in the development of the proposed program.

Learning outcomes and objectives are appropriate. Library, physical, and financial resources appear to be sufficient. In the spring semester of each year, a formal evaluation will be made of the progress of each doctoral student by a departmental graduate committee. Students attending full-time should be able to complete the formal doctoral coursework within three full years and one full year of internship. Student progress in the program will be measured against this expectation. The program will be evaluated by the following measures:

1. high student grade point averages;
2. low student attrition rates;
3. students' completion of the Ph.D. program in a timely manner (50% of the doctoral students within five years of matriculation);
4. pass rate on the licensing examinations;
5. high placement of graduates in academic faculty, research, governmental agency, or private sector positions; and,
6. high publication records of those who pursue teaching after five years in the field.

We approve the proposed program, contingent upon the submission of the additional information requested, and shall include it within the scope of accreditation previously granted. Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to assist in defraying the costs associated with the review of substantive changes.



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I also wish to acknowledge your letter of April 19, 2004, and the additional information supporting your proposed Ph.D. in Educational Leadership degree program. The additional information addressed satisfactorily our concerns regarding faculty scholarship and experience in directing student research. We approve the program and shall include it within the scope of accreditation previously granted.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rogers", is written over the typed name below.

James T. Rogers
Executive Director
Commission on Colleges

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson