

Occupational Therapy Expansion (Deb Scurlock)

4 Recommendation of immediate availability of resources in support of the proposal.

2 Recommendation for proposal to be held in abeyance.

Comments and/or suggestions:

Deb is a forceful advocate of all things OT, and should be commended for her proposal to expand a successful program. I would recommend this proposal be held in abeyance until a better study of how the BSOT (3+2) expansion affects DNS and SS is carried out.

Definitely fund the MOT but have reservations on the 3+2 (still not completely understanding the effect it will have on other departments.

I support the expansion of the OT program at the masters level, but have reservations about its expansion at the BSOT level until there is a plan to handle the extra load that will be placed on the departments of Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. In this sense, I don't actually recommend immediate implementation of the proposal as submitted. However, I don't believe there is justification to postpone the expansion at the masters level.

I certainly appreciate the concern about impact on other programs at SSU. We will definitely need to do a better job of coordination across departments and colleges on the BSOT/MOT program. The MOT program is an area of growth for SSU of high quality graduate students. The BSOT helps us to attract very bright freshmen and transfer students to our campus and keep them for at least five years.