

## **Intervention Specialist Visually Impaired Program – New Licensure Program (Doug Sturgeon)**

**6 Recommendation of immediate availability of resources in support of the proposal.**

**0 Recommendation for proposal to be held in abeyance.**

Dear Dr. Sturgeon,

The Academic Resource Management Committee (ARMC) was most impressed with your proposal for a new Intervention Specialist Visually Impaired Licensure Program. The collaboration with and support of the Ohio Deans Compact provides this program with important resources that will be necessary for success. The ARMC recognizes the great need for this program in our region and look forward with great anticipation to its development. **The Committee recommends immediate availability of resources to support your proposal.** Comments and suggestions by ARMC members are given below.

Thank you,



Dr. Jeffrey A. Bauer, Provost  
Chair, Academic Resource Management Committee

### **Comments and/or suggestions:**

The proposal makes many excellent points for this new licensure program - most particularly the identified need and the partnerships within the state. Shawnee is taking on the core coordination role - and assumes some significant oversight obligations. While this program is quite expensive, funding will be provided through the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Children to cover faculty, staff, and other resources to support the program. Space requirements will need to be addressed.. This program is keeping with the institution's mission to meet targeted academic needs in the state that can lead to immediate jobs. SSU's administrative commitment appears to be large and could result in future costs. With the understanding that significant funding will be provided through the state, I support this proposal for summer 2017.

This seems an ambitious proposal that has the potential for a significant impact for SSU since it has the support of so many different state entities. The need for the program is also clear and strong. My concerns are that the program seems predominantly reliant on one faculty member and that summer 2017 as a starting date might be too early since the scope of the proposal will require a great deal of collaboration and planning.

This is a high need teacher licensure area in the state and in the nation. The inter-institutional design of the program is a model for the state. Funding for the program is being provided by the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Children to cover faculty, staff, and other resources to support the program. The program will need space allocated to its offering. This again appears to be a minor resource request for such a promising program. I recommend immediate use of resources in support of the proposal.

This proposal has the potential of creating a new “signature program,” where Shawnee State will take the lead among Ohio’s state-supported universities in offering this new degree program. With the financial backing of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, the relatively minor local resources needed to create this program suggests that funding this new program would be a wise use of our limited resources. I recommend immediate use of resources in support of the proposal.

This program is a home run. Could be one of our future signature programs. Appreciate the collaborative structure and, especially, the funding through the Deans Compact.