Planning Budget Council

Request Title: Psychology Position

Part I. General Information

Name of requestor: Frank Palacat
Unit, Department or Program: Social Science Department

Part II. Resource Information

Type of request by code and description:
- OE operating equipment
- OO operating other
- PN program change request
- PW PCR - workload
- PF PCR - new facilities
- CP CIP - new facility
- CR CIP - Renovation
- CM CIP - R&M

Total

Alignment with Strategic Plan*: WCC 4.b (4.1-4.4); CC 5.1

(*this information must be filled out, i.e., Action Outcomes 2.1, 4.3, etc.)

Part III. Narrative - Description and Rationale

Descriptive Summary of the Request

This request is for a 1.5 FTE position in psychology.

Rationale for Request

For the past 6 years, the psychology discipline has offered more than 23-30 courses per year. Currently, there is only 1.5 FTE position and hires 2 lectures every year to fill the demand of courses. With the anticipated increase in enrollment it seems feasible to maintain this position.

The additional psychology position will help the college and discipline grow. There are many community needs that the college could fulfill in the field of psychology. This can be done with an additional position.

Documentation

The department report shows an increase of demand for psychology courses. In 2009-2010 school year the psychology discipline increased its courses by 5 additional courses for the year. With a retention rate of 96% it is obvious that psychology courses will continue to maintain as a course wanted by students.

Currently, the PSY 100 courses are part of the WCC gateway courses in the ATD. The psychology discipline faculty believe that with more vested fulltime faculty the psychology discipline will be able to meet the needs of our students.

4.D: WCC
- There will be an increase in the number of students enrolling at WCC due to the publicity of the college’s offerings, the quality educational experience offered, smaller class sizes, convenient location, reasonable tuition, and free parking.
- New students will be attracted to the College due to improved facilities

5.2: UH
- Build and/or acquire appropriate facilities to deliver educational programs and services in underserved regions of the State, and identify repairs and maintenance requirements to properly maintain facilities.

For PBC members: provide one rating for this request based on a scale of "1" indicating the lowest rating and "5" indicating the highest rating.

Rating

Total