Institutional Centers and Institutes

The purpose of Centers and Institutes is to strengthen and enrich programs related to teaching, research and service; provide undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students with additional research opportunities; establish a strong positive impact on the economic development of the state; enhance the image and outreach of North Carolina Central University locally, nationally, and internationally; and assist with fulfilling the mission of the University.

The Institutional Centers and Institutes report to a single campus; may collaborate with units or departments from other institutions for specific activities or projects; and benefit from fiscal and administrative oversight limited to a single institution.

The types of Centers and Institutes are as follows:

Research
- Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI), Interim Director, Dr. Faye Calhoun, approved by the UNC Board of Governors, June 12, 1998
- Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE), Director Dr. Li-An Yeh, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, November 14, 2006
- Biotechnology Pharmaceutical Law Institute, Director, Attorney Kimberly Cogdell, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, November 16, 2005
- Center for Innovation in Health Disparities Research, Director, Dr. Joyce Roland, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, May 2006
- Center for Advancement of Justice Study and Policy, Director, Dr. Harvey McMurray, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, November 13, 2003
- Center for Human Development and Family Studies, Director, Dr. Debra Parker, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, 1999
- Center for Science, Math and Technology Education, Director, Dr. Sandra White, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, February 2, 2005
- Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change, Director, Dr. Jarvis Hall, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, April 26, 2006
- Institute for Homeland Security and Workforce Development, Director, Mr. Christopher Herring, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, September 21, 2005
- Juvenile Justice Institute, Director, Dr. Arnold Dennis, approved by the UNC Board of Governors, May 11, 1999
- NCCU Jazz Research Institute, Director, Dr. Ira Wiggins, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, April 27, 2007
- Institute for the Study of Minority Issues, Director, Dr. Dorothy Singleton, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, August 1969

Public Service and Instruction:
- Center for Science, Math and Technology Education, Director, Dr. Sandra White, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, February 2, 2005
- Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change, Director, Dr. Jarvis Hall, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, April 26, 2006

Instruction
- Center for University Teaching & Learning, Interim Director, Ms. Kimberly Phifer-McGhee, mandated by UNC-GA and established in 2000
- Dispute Resolution Institute, Director, Attorney Mark Morris, approved by the NCCU Board of Trustees, February 14, 2006

CENTER VERSUS INSTITUTE

Technically, there is no difference between the terms “Center” and “Institute.” Both typically offer interdisciplinary programs involving faculty, students, and staff from various academic departments. In practice, an “institute” frequently refers to an
activity with a broader scope than a “center.” An institute may create centers as separate units within its administrative structure.

FUNDING FOR CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Funding will be based primarily on grants and other funding sources secured by the director of the respective center or institute. The Division of Academic Affairs will provide some start-up funding during the first year; however, the funds to support and sustain the center or institute must be generated from sources other than state funds. During the second year, 50% of the funding must come from sources other than state funds; during the third year, 100% of the funding must come from sources other than state funds. The annual report for centers and institutes will include the current funding sources and information documenting grant writing activity.

REGULATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Plan
• Approval by Academic Department Chair, Dean, Provost, Chancellor, and NCCU Board of Trustees

Establish
• Proposal Request
• Mission, goals, and objectives
• Organization chart
• Funding plan

Review
• Annual report
• Measures of Performance
• Contracts and Grants awarded

INSTITUTIONAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Institute for Homeland Security and Workforce Development, Juvenile Justice Institute, Center for Human Development and Family Studies, and the Center for the Advancement of Justice Study Policy report directly to the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Behavioral studies. The Center for Innovation in Health Disparities reports to the chair of the Nursing Department.

The NCCU Jazz Research Institute reports to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Biotechnology Pharmaceutical Law Institute and the Dispute Resolution Institute report directly to the Dean of the School of Law.

The Center for University Teaching and Learning; Center for Science, Math, and Technology Education; Institute for the Study of Minority Issues; and the Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change report to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Programs.

The Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute and the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise report directly to the Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education and Research.

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