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Dr. Arnett Mace  
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Dear Arnett:

Pursuant to the transfer of the Gerontology Center to the College of Public Health, Phil Williams and I agreed that the Center could seek permission to be an Institute since the Center has been acting as an Institute in the last two decades.

Enclosed is a copy of our proposal. Phil Williams had forwarded a letter of support to Fiona Liken earlier today.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leonard W. Poon

✓ C.C. Fiona Liken

A Proposal for the Establishment of  
*An Institute of Gerontology*  
At the University of Georgia  
March 10, 2005

Leonard W. Poon

**Introduction.** The University of Georgia Gerontology Center was initiated in 1964 to consolidate graduate training and research in gerontology among the University's faculty and colleges. The Center and its faculty have offered a Graduate Certificate of Gerontology since 1980. An Aging Studies Program for Honor Students was established in 2000. Both junior and senior postdoctoral fellows are trained at the Center. Courses associated with the certificate programs are taught by Center staff as well as members of the Faculty of Gerontology from various departments throughout the University. Since the Center has offered credit courses since 1980 as well as successfully met the criteria on interdisciplinary research and outreach, it has met the definitions of an institute as defined by the Academic Affairs Handbook, Board of Regents (1986) and the Centers and Institutes policy statements approved by the University Council, in 1993 and 1998. Hence, we request the change of status from a Center to an Institute.

The Center has an established reputation for leading gerontology instruction, research, and outreach in Georgia, the Southeast, nationally, and internationally. Within the University System, the Center Director, Leonard W. Poon, has served as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Gerontology and Geriatrics to the Board of Regents in the last decade. The Center is funded by the Board of Regents to establish and maintain the Georgia Gerontology Consortium within the University System of Georgia since 1994. The Consortium is responsible for a) Distance Learning Partnership in Gerontology (since 1994), b) Annual Southeastern Mentorship Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics (since 1990), c) Faculty and Student Seed Grant Program, and d) Master Teacher Series in gerontology and geriatrics. Nationally, the Center has led the Georgia Centenarian Study, which was funded by NIMH since 1988 and NIA since 2001. The Study is currently an NIA Program Project involving collaborations among UGA faculty members from different departments, as well as investigators from nine universities across the nation. Internationally, the Center leads the International Centenarian Consortium consisting of investigators from seven countries since 1989. The Center has been actively involved in research programs with a number of countries in Europe and Asia.

**A Statement of Operating Procedures and Policies.** The Director of the Center has reported to the Vice President of Academic Affairs since 1980 and the VPAA and Provost since Dr. Holbrook assumed the position. At present, the Center reports to Dr. Mace. Starting July 1, 2005, the Center (or Institute) will become a unit of the College of Public Health and report to the Dean of the College.

The University funds 7.15 EFT for the Center. EFT consists of the Director, Assistant Director, part time faculty, Office Manager, graduate assistants, and office staff. Current University-based budget for the Center is \$506,433. The fiscal year 2005 extramural funding is \$1,667,833. Postdoctoral fellows generally bring their own funding or are supported through joint grants with Center staff.

The Center has two advisory committees, one in research and one associated with the Georgia Gerontology Consortium. A Curriculum Committee, consisting of faculty from five departments, reviews curriculum and establishes policies associated with the certificate programs. Any faculty member interested in teaching and research in gerontology can join the Faculty of Gerontology. Faculty members are appointed by the Director subject to the approval of the faculty's dean and department head. Research Scientists, who work in various Center projects, are appointed by the Director and approved through the University and the Board of Regents.

**A Description of Amounts and Sources of Anticipated Income.** The basic budget of the Center (and proposed Institute) has been steady throughout the years. The amount of University funding is about .5 million dollars. No new budget is requested or anticipated. The current extramural funding is about 1.67 million dollars. The unit continues to seek extramural funding annually. A five-year two million dollar proposal was submitted on March 1, 2005 to establish the first Geriatric Education Center in the State of Georgia. No financial arrangements between the Institute and other units within the University are anticipated at this time, except for salaries and resources generated from Center's extramural grants in which the faculty participated.

**A Description of Formal Arrangements with Faculty.** As noted earlier, any interested faculty in gerontology research, instruction, and outreach are welcomed to join the Faculty of Gerontology. This is done by a letter of appointment from the Director, subject to approval of the faculty's dean and department head. A faculty member can withdraw from participation at any time.

**A List of Participating Faculty and Their Roles in the Institute.** The following is a list of Center staff, Faculty of Gerontology, Adjunct Research Scientists, and postdoctoral fellow. Members of Faculty of Gerontology are involved in programs of research, instruction, and outreach, as well as in advisory roles associated with these programs.

**GERONTOLOGY CENTER STAFF:**

- Leonard W. Poon, Ph.D., Director and Professor
- Anne P. Glass, Ph.D., Assistant Director and Graduate Coordinator
- Everett S. Lee, Ph.D., Assistant Director Emeritus
- W. Elaine Cress, Associate Professor, Joint Appointment with Dept of Kinesiology
- Marie A. Durden, Office Manager and Assistant to the Director
- Kerry L. Miguez, Administrative Secretary
- Jayne S. Clamp, Education Program Specialist

## **FACULTY OF GERONTOLOGY:**

### **College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

Department of Food Science and Technology:

Anna Resurreccion, Ph.D.

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Department of Cellular Biology: Judith H. Willis, Ph.D.

Department of Genetics: Daniel Promislow, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology: Billy R. Hammond, Jr., Ph.D.  
Richard L. Marsh, Ph.D.  
L. Stephen Miller, Ph.D.  
Robert H. Pollack, Ph.D.\*  
Leonard W. Poon, Ph.D.  
Gail M. Williamson, Ph.D.

Department of Sociology: Everett S. Lee, Ph.D.\*  
Elaine L. Weeks, Ph.D.

### **College of Education**

Department of Adult Education: Brad Courtenay, Ed. D.  
Sharan B. Merriam, Ed.D.

Department of Kinesiology: M. Elaine Cress, Ph.D.  
Gary A. Dudley, Ph.D.  
Michael S. Ferrara, Ph.D.  
Kevin K. McCully, Ph.C.  
Phillip Tomporowski, Ph.D.  
Michael. A. Horvat, Ed.D.

Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies:  
Douglas A. Kleiber, Ph.D.

### **College of Family and Consumer Sciences**

Department of Child and Family Development:  
William H. Quinn, Ph.D.

Department of Foods and Nutrition: Joan G. Fischer, Ph.D.  
Mary Ann Johnson, Ph.D.

Richard Lewis, Ph.D.  
Rebecca M. Mullis Ph.D.

Department of Housing and Consumer Economics:  
Douglas C. Bachtel, Ph.D.  
Anne L. Sweaney, Ph.D.

**College of Pharmacy**

Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy:  
James W. Cooper, Jr., Ph.D.\*  
Matthew Perri, III, Ph.D.

**School of Social Work:**

Kevin L. DeWeaver, Ph.D.  
Stacey R. Kolomer, Ph.D.  
Nancy P. Kropf, Ph.D.  
David L. Levine, Ph.D.\*

**Terry College of Business**

Department of Marketing: W. A. French, Ph.D.

\* Professor Emeritus

**Georgia Center for Continuing Education**

- Judith DeJoy, Ph.D., Institutional Effectiveness Department Head, Georgia Center for Continuing Education
- Karen R. Shetterley, Ph.D., Senior Public Service Associate, Georgia Center for Continuing Education

**ADJUNCT RESEARCH SCIENTISTS**

- Lenette Burrell, RN, Ed.D., CCRN-R
- Zeb Burrell, M.D., FACP
- Adam Davey, Ph.D., Polisher Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- Anne Lee, Ph.D.
- Peter Martin, Ph.D., Professor, Iowa State University
- Bonnie J. Meyer, Ph.D., Professor, Pennsylvania State University
- Mary Ellen Quinn, R.N., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Medical College of Georgia, School of Nursing
- Ilene C. Siegler, Ph.D., MPH, Professor, Duke University Medical Center

**2005 – 2006 Post Doctoral Fellow**

- Eunju Hwang, Ph.D., University of Minnesota

**Letter of Support from the Administrator Who Would Have Oversight Responsibility.** On July 1, 2005, the Center will report to the Dean of the College of Public Health. The letter of support is attached.

**A Plan for How Unavailable Resources are Going to Be Acquired.** The Center has a continuous history of extramural funding since 1985, the year the current Director came to the University. Any resources that are needed are acquired through this mechanism.

**A Description of Anticipated Additional Staff or Faculty.** No additional staff is anticipated within the Center/Institute. Additional faculty members who could be a permanent and integral part of the gerontology program are being negotiated with the Dean of the College of Public Health and as a function of the needs of the College. Two major reasons for the Center to be an integral part of the College are a) gerontology and the aging populations are important topics to be integrated into public health, and b) additional new faculty who could contribute to the content areas of aging and public health could be justified and requested through the College.

**A Description of the Responsibilities of Any Participating Units.** No additional units are required or anticipated other than the core Center/Institute structure. The Unit will begin to be an integral part of the College of Public Health and contribute to the mission of the College.

**Recommendations, if Appropriate, for the Creation of Courses or Degrees and How They Are Integral to the Functioning of the Institute.** As an integral part of the College of Public Health, degrees associated with Public Health will be requested by the College. A gerontology concentration within the Master of Public Health was approved by the University Council. We anticipate that this concentration will be created in the near future.