

Shepherd College Board of Governors  
March 11, 2004  
Agenda Item No. 5

## **Intent to Plan and Budget for Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration**

Shepherd College proposes a thirty-six credit Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration. This degree will be designed to prepare students for professional positions in student affairs as well as higher education, while offering opportunities to individuals currently in the field to expand and develop additional expertise by providing them with advanced studies on the graduate level.

The program is committed to a comprehensive experience for each student that includes rigorous coursework in student development theory, multiculturalism, research, assessment, legal issues, contemporary issues, and administration. Complementing the academic program are field experiences, which include the opportunity for students to complete a series of practicum experiences in either student affairs and/or higher education offices.

Each course within this Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration Program will be three credit hours. Individual professors will determine the criteria for evaluation, however it is expected that these professors will utilize varied methods of instruction and assessment including readings, WebCt, technology, examinations, research papers, and relevant field based assignments. One consistent requirement across all courses within the program will focus on the need to meet program objectives. It is expected that all courses will also be theory and action oriented.

All students will be required to complete 27 credit hours in a core set of courses, six credit hours in practicum, and three credit hours in an elective within any department within the program.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd College Board of Governors approves the Intent to Plan for a Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration and directs the President to file the Intent to Plan with the Chancellor for approval.