

STATEMENT BY THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT REGARDING
THE PROPOSED CONSULTATION SERVICE

The Psychology Department wishes to express its endorsement and support of the proposed Consultation Service. It has long been interested in the creation of such a service as evidenced by the fact that several years ago Dr. Grossman made attempts to organize a Psychological Clinic but failed through lack of sympathetic support.

At that time the Department hoped to establish a Clinic that was patterned after the University of Michigan Psychological Clinic which Professor Griffiths directs. The intention was to make the Clinic an adjunct of the Psychology Department. However, the present project seems quite suited to the purpose and needs of the Department.

Since the Department regards the judicious selection of qualified personnel as the most important single factor in insuring the successful operation of the Consultation Service, it would like to submit a suggestion or two regarding this matter. It feels that the Director should be a person with broad training in both Experimental and Applied (particularly Clinical) Psychology. Somebody with an established reputation, national if possible, should be selected for this position. As for the counselors, they should be persons with sound training and experience in counseling and should have a good background in Psychology, Social Work, or both.

An organization that is staffed with such competent personnel can provide excellent practical training for advanced students in Psychology (as well as in other related fields) and should also be capable of accomplishing significant research.

Finally the members of the Psychology Department would like to add that they will be glad to cooperate and to assist in whatever way they can in both the formation and functioning of the Consultation Service.

See Dr. Henry about Consultation Service.

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