

## MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Michelle Piskulich, Associate Provost

FROM: Dr. Gwendolyn Thompson McMillon, Chairperson  
Senate Budget Review Committee

SUBJECT: Psychology Proposal

DATE: January 5, 2012

The Senate Budget Review Committee has carefully reviewed the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in Psychology proposal, and it is our unanimous opinion that the budget portion of the proposal is complete, and thus the SBRC recommends that it be approved as proposed.

The Senate Budget Review Committee required the Psychology Department to respond to several questions and concerns including: providing external letters, discussing the career trajectory for students enrolled in the programs, separating the M.S. and Ph.D. program budgets, providing benchmarks of other programs, and providing a letter from the dean indicating his intention to support the programs if they have financial problems in the future. The Department's responses were thorough with the exception of providing a letter from the dean. Documents that were sent are attached. Please note that the budget proposals included in the first response document are incorrect. The corrected, revised budgets are attached as separate documents. As we have previously stated, SBRC believes that it is an infringement upon our proposal review process when a dean does not provide a letter indicating their intention to support or not support a program financially if problems arise in the future. We have not received a letter from Dean Sudol, although we were told that a letter of support had been forwarded to the Senate Steering Committee.

Based on the information provided in the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in Psychology proposal, letters, and other information forwarded to the SBRC, we believe that the programs will make valuable contributions to Oakland University's academic and research environments.