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Letter to George B. Pearson

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Mr. George B. Pearson, Administrator
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Dear George:

As you are aware, planning over the past several months relative to nursing education for our area of Texas resulted in a decision at a recent planning session on July 17, 1979 to move forward with efforts to develop a generic nursing baccalaureate degree as a part of the academic program of The University of Texas at Tyler.

In view of this decision, we at The University of Texas at Tyler are anxious to vigorously pursue this goal with the basic thrust being one of developing a high-quality program consistent with our other academic endeavors. One of the ways through which this goal can be supported is by utilizing the talents of those concerned with the program. Therefore, I am appointing a representative Nursing Education Planning Committee to serve in an advisory capacity as specific plans are developed through our academic structure for making appropriate application for this degree.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this committee for the purpose of advising and consulting about the significant effort regarding nursing education in the East Texas area. Therefore, I am pleased to hereby appoint and respectfully request you to serve in this capacity. Moreover, I enclose herewith a list of the total committee membership. Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt, our academic vice president, will serve as chairman of the committee. He will communicate with you in the near future relative to the first committee meeting, and hopefully, I can meet with you at that time.

Again, I convey my appreciation for your consent to devote your time and talents to this important assignment which will result, I am confident, in assisting to provide appropriate nursing education opportunities in the East Texas area.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Edward N. Brandt
    Dr. Ernest T. Smerdon
    Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt