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August 9, 1962

Dr. M. E. Sadler, Chancellor
Texas Christian University

Dear Dr. Sadler:

I would like to recommend that the Institute of Behavioral Research, as outlined on the attached statement be authorized effective September 1, 1962, with Dr. S.B. Sells as Director. As indicated to you in our conference, I believe that this Institute is both a recognition of research leadership demonstrated by Dr. Sells and a useful development for the expansion of research activities on our campus.

I should mention that the present tense has been used in preparing the enclosed statement so that it may be published and used by the Institute in the same form in which it was approved.

I am enclosing five extra copies of this letter and the statement for use in such further discussions as you feel necessary.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Moudy, Vice Chancellor
For Academic Affairs

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

1. Objectives. The Institute of Behavioral Research fosters interdisciplinary and programmatic research to advance knowledge on significant frontiers in the areas of human affairs and human behavior. Many important research problems in these areas require the coordinated efforts of scholars and scientists from different specialties over periods of several years. Such activities require both an academic environment and an administrative structure conducive to effective co-operative effort. The Institute was created to foster and provide the needed organizational vehicle for these purposes.

2. Organizational relationships. The Institute is an administrative unit responsible to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

3. Policies. The administrative and research policies of the Institute are the same as those of the University.

4. Advisory Council. The Advisory Council, appointed by the Chancellor, consists of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, the Director of the Institute, two other University faculty members, and three members at large chosen from scholars and scientists of outstanding reputation. The Advisory Council meets at least once each year to review the activities, plans, publications and needs of the Institute, and sends a report of its findings to the Chancellor.

5. Staff. The permanent staff of the Institute includes a Director and a secretary. The Institute may appoint such additional professional, technical, and secretarial staff as may from time to time be authorized by the University administration. Temporary staff may be appointed for such stated periods as can be funded by on-going research.

The Director shall be a member of the regular faculty of the University, appointed by the Chancellor, with not less than half of his time devoted to the affairs of the Institute.

Faculty members and other University personnel may participate in research programs of the Institute on a part-time basis or in more substantial degree by arrangement with the

Director of the Institute, the Departments, and Deans concerned. University fellows may be assigned to the Institute by similar arrangement.

6. Space and Facilities. The Institute is assigned space and necessary office and laboratory equipment by the University administration.

7. Funds and Budget. Funds obtained by the Institute through grants and contracts are devoted primarily to the development of the Institute. The Director prepares an annual budget which is submitted through the Graduate School. The Budget shows funds expected from outside sources as well as funding requested from the University.

8. Annual Report. The Institute publishes an annual report of its operations.

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FORT WORTH 29, TEXAS

INSTITUTE OF BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

January 11, 1963

Dr. Robert I. Watson
Department of Psychology
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Bob:

You will recall that last summer, at APA, I spoke with you briefly about our plan to form a research institute and that we would like to have you serve on the Advisory Council, to help us decide some issues of policy and to formulate plans.

We have proceeded with the formation of the Institute. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a document accomplishing this. As you will note, it is very general.

I would now like to confirm informally your willingness to serve on the Council, which would involve a two-day visit here this Spring for a meeting, at which time we may also ask you to say a few words to the Psychology faculty and students. I hope you will accept. As soon as I hear from you, I'll initiate an official invitation from the front office.

We are looking forward to having you here. Helen joins me in our cordial greetings to Hazel.

Very cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. B. Sells".

S. B. Sells, Ph.D.
Professor and Director

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Enclosure



TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FORT WORTH 29, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE
CHANCELLOR

February 28, 1963

Dr. Robert I. Watson,
Professor of Psychology,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Watson:

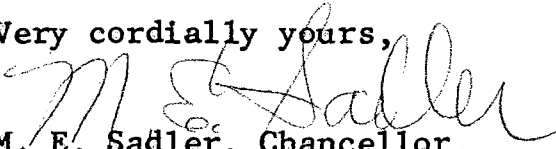
This year Texas Christian University established an Institute of Behavioral Research to conduct inter-disciplinary and programmatic research in the behavioral sciences, with Dr. S. B. Sells as Director. It is our desire to appoint an Advisory Council for the Institute to assist Dr. Sells and the University in planning the most effective program for the Institute, and I take pleasure in inviting you to become a member of this Advisory Council.

I understand that Dr. Sells has communicated with you informally concerning his current activities and that you are to some degree familiar with the program. We hope very much that you will accept this appointment. The meeting has been set for the Council for Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17, 1963.

Upon receipt of your acceptance of this invitation, I shall ask Dr. Sells to make all arrangements with you for your attendance at the meeting.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,


M. E. Sadler, Chancellor,
Texas Christian University.