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From: John Milford [jmilford@utpa.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Tony Barco (tonybarco@bizrgv.rr.com)
Subject: Internship

Tony,

I received your message regarding a requested agreement between UTPA and the County. Just to clarify as previously mentioned, UTPA does not have any connection to any internship position that a student entertains or seeks. The graduate course involving the internship is an academic process that parallels any position that a student obtains to fulfill the requirement of the course. The internship is aligned with any other job that the County has or any public agency, and is not connected to the university. The student has to obtain a position in a public or non-profit agency in order to qualify for the course enrollment. The student has to meet any qualifications that the public agency imposes, just as other applicants are required. Again, UTPA nor the MPA program is not involved in any way whatsoever in placement of any student, including Ms. Varela. Obtaining a internship position is the sole responsibility of the student.

This same scenario has been undertaken by the County Clerk for several years and successfully received interns in his department. It is my understanding though not confirmed by me that they are part-time and have received part-time compensation.

I hope this clarifies the position of the internship course that is offered by the MPA program. Feel free to call me on my cell at 607 2001 if we need to confer.

Thanks,

John