

TO: President Jack Miller
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with

Academic Standards, Proposal Dept. Criminology, Criminal Justice
is presented to you for your consideration. Two additional copies are included for your use.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on Apr. 9, 2007

3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.8, the following schedule of action is to be observed.

a) By _____, Senate action reported to the President of University.
(Date)

(Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).

b) By _____, President of the University to return the motion to the
(Date)

President of the Senate. (Within 10 school days of its receipt).

23 Apr. 2007
(Date)

as for Craine
President, University Senate (Tim Craine)

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved _____

2. Motion Disapproved _____
(Explanatory statement must be appended)

3. Action "is deferred" _____

4. Resolution Noted _____

5. Other _____

Date

President

Motion by the Academic Standards committee: Proposals from Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Passed.

Policy Statement

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is seeking to retract its “Pre-Criminology” designation and to increase the number of credits required for the major from 39 to 40.

Process

Currently, new freshmen, transfer students, and change of majors to criminology are designated as “Pre-Criminology” majors until they pass CRM301 with a grade of “B” or better. We would like to remove this designation so that all students are called “Criminology” majors.

Rationale

The “Pre-Criminology” designation has been extremely difficult to administer and has caused a significant amount of confusion with the Admissions’ Office, Registrar’s Office, and the Advising Center. Also, the CRM301 requirement has created a bottleneck with students and potential delays in meeting the major requirements for graduation.

We also realized that we can address the pedagogical concerns that initially lead to the creation of the “Pre-Criminology” major through other means that will be less confusing, easier to administer, more convenient to students, and more effective from a pedagogical standpoint.

The proposed program changes add a significant amount of flexibility in course scheduling. Therefore, students (both Criminology majors and Criminal Justice minors) will have more course options.

Other Comments

1. The proposed program and policy changes will not require more resources to implement.
2. The program will be easier to administer on at the department and university levels.
3. Both majors and minors will have more options in courses.
4. These proposed changes better address pedagogical concerns than the existing “pre-criminology” major.

Summary of Program Revisions to the B.A. Program in Criminology

Existing Program (39 hours)

Proposed Program (40 hours)

Pre-Majors

CRM110 Intro to CJ
 CRM133 Law Enforcement & Society
 CRM231 Crim. Procedure & Courts
 CRM238 Corrections
 CRM300 Criminology
 CRM301 Principles and Ethics in CJ
 (must receive a B or better)

CRM101 Foundations in Criminology (1 credit)
 CRM110 Intro to CJ
 CRM230 Law Enforcement & Society
 CRM231 Crim. Procedure & Courts
 CRM238 Corrections
 CRM300 Criminology
 One 200 level elective (220, 240, or 245)

Majors Only

CRM322 Research Methods in CJ
 CRM435 Supervised Field Studies

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Five Electives (four must be at 300/400 level)

One elective in CRM360 to CRM370 range
 Four 300/400 electives (2 must be at 400 level)

Specific General Education Requirements

STAT104 or STAT200 or STAT215
 PHIL144

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