Criminal Justice, College of

G1 Sustained Student Growth

Goal Description:

Sustained student growth

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS --

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G1 Increase enrollment

Performance Objective Description:

The department will continue to recruit and increase both undergraduate and graduate enrollment.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G1 Increase Graduate Program Enrollment

KPI Description:

Through recruitment and retention strategies, the College of Criminal Justice will increase the number of graduate students enrolled in the graduate programs.

Results Description:

During this academic year, we increased our graduate student enrollment from 352 to 389 students.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G1 Continue to increase student enrollment in COCJ

Action Description:

The College of Criminal Justice will continue recruiting students to increase enrollment in our college. We will pay special attention to our developing graduate programs.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G1 Increase In Number Of Criminal Justice Majors

KPI Description:

Through recruitment and retention strategies, the College of Criminal Justice will increase the number of undergraduate students enrolled as Criminal Justice majors.

Results Description:

During this academic year we increased our overall undergraduate enrollment from 3,126 to 3,280. The number of Criminal Justice majors increased from 2,959 in the Fall of 2015 to 3,111 in the Fall of 2016. Additionally, the number of students enrolled as Victim Study majors slightly increased from 167 in the Fall of 2015 to 169 in the Fall of 2016.

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G2 Sustained faculty growth and impact in the field

Goal Description:

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RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS --

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G2 Increased impact in the field of criminal justice

Performance Objective Description:

The College will continue to grow and impact the fields of criminal justice, criminology, victim services, forensic science, and security studies. The faculty within the College and respective Departments will increase in number and impact of publications.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G2 Increase In Journal Publications.

KPI Description:

The faculty will produce a higher number of journal publications from last year.

Results Description:

Over the last academic year the faculty of the College of Criminal Justice increased their impact in the field of criminal justice by publishing more articles in peer-reviewed journals. They increased productivity by almost 10%. The average faculty publication rate last academic year was 1.8 publications for the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. This ratio increased to 2.0 over the academic year of 2015-2016.

In addition to the above results, our Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology was honored by an article that was published in the Journal of Criminal Justice Education (Kleck & Mims, 2016) that reported our graduate program as being the top producing group of scholars in the field. We were rated as the most productive faculty in the country. We out published Arizona State University, Cincinnati, Florida State University, Michigan State University and several other top research institutions.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G2 Sustained Faculty Growth and Impact in the Field
Action Description:

Over the last year we have continued to increase our faculty numbers and our impact within the field. We were rated as the #1 graduate faculty for peer-reviewed publications in criminal justice and criminology this year (see Kleck and Mims, 2016; Journal of Criminal Justice Education). Although we cannot beat #1, we have the goal to continue being the top producing group of scholars in the field.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G2 New Faculty Will Be Hired
KPI Description:

Four or Five new faculty will be hired to increase the growth of the respective Departments/Divisions.

Results Description:

During the academic year of 2015-2016 the College of Criminal Justice hired new faculty members in each of the departments. In the Department of Forensic Science, Drs. Sparks Veasey (Forensic Pathology) and Patrick Buzzini (Trace Evidence) were hired. Dr. Nadav Morag was hired as the new Chair for the Department of Security Studies. Dr. Eryn O'Neal (Victimology; Decision making in sexual assault cases) and H. Daniel Butler (Corrections) were hired in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

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G3 Sustained Program Development
Goal Description:

Sustained program development

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS ---

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G3 New Programs
Performance Objective Description:

The College will continue to develop and implement new programs to serve our students.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G3 New Online Degree Offered
KPI Description:

The College implemented the MS degree in Victim Services two years ago. To continue the development of this new program, we will increase course options and enrollment over the 2015-2016 academic year.

Results Description:

Over the academic year of 2015-2016, two new courses were developed for the graduate students options for electives and enrollment increased by 39 students. The current enrollment for the MS in Victim Services online program is 71. The program has increased each incoming cohort to approximately 25 students.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G3 Sustained Program Development
Action Description:

Over the last academic year we have continued to build course offerings for our undergraduate and graduate students. We also began the first Forensic Science PhD program in the country by enrolling the first cohort of five students.

We also have further developed the new online MS program in Victim Services.

Over the next academic year our college will examine potential areas for growth and begin working on required applications and forms for new programs. For example, our Department of Security Studies desires to submit a new minor program in Homeland Security.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G3 PhD In Forensic Science

KPI Description:

As the Department of Forensic Science commenced the first PhD program in Forensic Science the Fall semester of 2015, the College of Criminal Justice will continue to support this new program. The program will enroll at least five students this academic year.

Results Description:

The new PhD Forensic Science graduate program began in the fall of 2015. The program enrolled five new PhD students in the program. The first cohort has successfully moved through the program this year and (at least) another five students will be accepted for the next academic year.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

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Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

The College of Criminal Justice will utilize similar recruitment methods to continue to increase our enrollments for both undergraduate and graduate students. We will develop additional methods to identify and recruit our own undergraduates for our graduate programs.

We strive to hire more faculty in the next academic year than we did last year. Our faculty will be challenged to keep publishing in high impact peer-reviewed journals and increase our impact in the field by additional numbers of publications and conference presentations. Additionally, we will attempt (again) to develop a standardized way of collecting 'impact' data from our faculty and research institutes that allows accurate counts for specific goal setting. We will work with our own programmer to develop a standardized way for faculty to upload publications, presentations, and grant applications. This will allow us to keep more accurate account of faculty productivity and brag on their accomplishments more than once a year.

We did not develop any new academic programs or degrees this academic year. However, we began our PhD program in Forensic Science and will continue to work to develop and augment our existing programs. The Department of Security Studies will proposal a new minor area of study.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

Although our College utilized the same recruitment methods as we have previously, we had a lower percentage increase in students this academic year. However, we still increased our student enrollment when other colleges were unable to do the same. We were able to recruit more of our undergraduate students for our graduate programs and significantly increased enrollment in our newly commenced master degree in Victim Service Management.

We did hire more faculty this academic year, with additions in each of our departments. Our existing faculty made a huge impact in the field by being ranked #1 in the field of criminal justice and criminology research productivity. This ranking has served to boost our College's and University's research reputation and aids our efforts in recruiting both competitive students and faculty.

The College of Criminal Justice did not start any new programs or degrees over this academic year, but the Department of Security Studies proposed a new minor in Homeland Security.

Plan for the 2016-2017 academic year

Closing Summary:

The College of Criminal Justice will increase the recruitment efforts by sending more faculty and staff to High School College fairs and spending specific marketing funds for graduate programs. Although we did increase our student enrollments, we would like to increase the numbers by a larger percentage. Over the next academic year, we will continue to recruit specifically for our newer graduate programs of Victim Services Management MS and the Forensic Science PhD.

Our faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology were awarded with a #1 ranking for scholarly productivity; our faculty published significant research at a higher level (number of publications in top tier academic journals) than any other criminal justice/criminology doctoral program in the country. We strive to keep this ranking. Our faculty in the departments of Security Studies and Forensic Science also strive to increase their research productivity over the next academic year.

As a leader in the field, our College will examine potential new programs in the upcoming year. For example, we will discuss the possibility of proposing a practitioner-based PhD program in criminal justice. We continue to strive to produce timely, competitive, and helpful programs.

RELATED ITEMS