

Criminal Justice, College of

G1 Sustained Student Growth

Goal Description:

Sustained student enrollment growth

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G1 Increase enrollment

Performance Objective Description:

The College of Criminal Justice will continue to recruit and increase both undergraduate and graduate student 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:

Over the last academic year we increased graduate student enrollment by 4.11%. Our number of graduate students increased from 389 to 411. The majority of our increased graduate enrollment was from our online master's of arts academic programs in Victims Services and Criminal Justice. We also increased our PhD student enrollment through the new PhD program in Forensic Science.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G1 Continue to build student enrollment

Action Description:

During the academic year of 2016-2017, the College of Criminal Justice grew almost 4% in student enrollment with increases in both graduate and undergraduate student numbers.

A specific action and goal from the last academic year was to pay special attention in the enrollments of our newly developed graduate programs. These recruitment efforts and focus areas have paid off as demonstrated by our most steep student enrollment growth in our online Master's of Science in Criminal Justice and our online Master's of Science in Victim Service Management. Additionally, the cohort for our newly implemented PhD program in Forensic Science increased their enrollment numbers. These efforts will continue over the next year.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G1 Increased Undergraduate Enrollment

KPI Description:

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

Results Description:

During the academic year of 2016-2017, we increased undergraduate student enrollment by 3.38%. We had growth from 3126 undergraduate students in the fall semester of 2016 to 3280 in the fall semester of 2017.

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G2 Sustained faculty growth and impact in the field

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RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G2 Increased impact in the field of criminal justice and criminology

Performance Objective Description:

The College of Criminal Justice will continue to grow and impact the fields of criminal justice, criminology, victim services, forensic science, and security studies. The faculty within each Department will increase their number of publications and presentations of scholarly work.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G2 Increase In Journal Publications.

KPI Description:

The faculty in each Department within the College of Criminal Justice will produce a higher number of journal publications and conference presentations from last year.

Results Description:

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the faculty in the College of Criminal Justice increased the number of peer-reviewed journal publications. The faculty published over 86 articles, with an overall average of 1.9 publications per faculty member for the college.

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology published over 53 peer-reviewed journal articles, which was an average of 1.7 articles per the 32 faculty members for this academic year.

The Department of Forensic Science published 23 peer-reviewed articles, which produced an average publication rate of 2.9 articles for each of the 8 faculty members in this department.

The Department of Security Studies published 10 peer-reviewed articles, which indicated an average publication rate of 2.2 articles for each of the 4.5 faculty members.

This year we began collecting academic presentations as well. Our college faculty presented over 180 regional, national, and international academic conference presentations. In the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, faculty presented 134 conferences presentations. The faculty in the Department of Forensic Science presented 40 conference presentations. In the Department of Security Studies, the 4.5 faculty members presented 10 conference presentations.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G2 Continued faculty growth and impact

Action Description:

Results of the assessment for faculty growth and impact in the field indicated that our faculty remain at the top of field in numbers and impact through research. Our faculty continue to produce scholarly publications in the highly competitive range and this will continue to be encouraged and supported.

The College began collecting data on scholarly presentations by the faculty this academic year. We will continue counting this important measure of faculty impact. The College of Criminal Justice will also begin to include impact by collecting specific data on the number of grants applied for and obtained in our College. We know that we are consistently the highest ranking grant awarded faculty on campus, but have not compared our faculty to other highly ranked criminal justice and criminology programs.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G2 New Faculty Will Be Hired

KPI Description:

New faculty will be hired in each Department to meet the increasing enrollment and service to our students.

Results Description:

During the academic year of 2016-2017, the College of Criminal Justice hired four new full-time tenure track faculty. Three faculty were hired by the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology (with 2 beginning the fall of 2017 and one beginning the fall of 2018) and

one faculty member was hired in the Department of Security Studies.

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G3 Sustained Program Development

Goal Description:

The College of Criminal Justice will continue to develop cutting-edge academic programs

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS - - - - -

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

G3 New Programs

Performance Objective Description:

The College of Criminal Justice will continue to develop and implement new programs to serve our students, as well as update programs as indicated by the field.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

G3 New programs or updates to existing programs will be implemented

KPI Description:

The College will continue to increase the number of programs to meet student needs, as well as update existing programs as needed.

Results Description:

The College of Criminal Justice continued to support and grow the courses offered in several of the graduate programs. The newly commenced PhD program in Forensic Science continues to develop and grow in curriculum and in the number of students. The College of Criminal Justice implemented the newly approved minor in Security Studies.

In addition, the College of Criminal Justice began working on the proposal for a new undergraduate degree program in Security Studies. This program is currently being developed and will be proposed to the University Curriculum Committee during the next academic year. The College Curriculum Committee has been working with the Department of Security Studies on the program proposal and 20 form B forms (specific course proposals) with the Chair and faculty of this department.

The faculty and administration of the College of Criminal Justice have worked toward building the online MS in Criminal Justice program by advertising for a new Clinical Professor position that will serve as Director of that program and teach four of the required courses. The College of hopeful to hire this Clinical Professor during the next academic year.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

G3 Continue to develop and lead the field in academic programs

Action Description:

Over the last academic year, the College of Criminal Justice implemented a minor in Security Studies and began developing a new academic bachelor's of science program in Homeland Security Studies. This program will be proposed to the University Curriculum Committee the next academic year. We also have continued to increase our quality and quantity of courses offered in the majority of our academic programs. This will continue to be a focus for our college in the next academic year.

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 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.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

During the academic year of 2016-2017, the College of Criminal Justice sustained undergraduate and graduate student enrollment growth. We remained one of the University's highest rates of student growth. We also met our goal of focused enrollment growth in our newly developed graduate programs of Forensic Science (PhD), Criminal Justice (MS, online), and Victims Service Management (MS). These three graduate programs did see the most dramatic student enrollment increases across our academic offerings in the College of Criminal Justice.

Our faculty continued to produce peer-reviewed scholarly articles consistent with the top-rated programs in the country. The largest increases in scholarly activity were seen in our Departments of Forensic Science and Security Studies, as these departments continue to grow and increase in academic programming.

While our College discussed the possibility of proposing a new PhD program for practitioners in the field of criminal Justice, our Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology does not have the faculty support for resources to propose this program at this time. It was decided that our College would focus on providing needed faculty support for our existing program (especially those newly developed programs) before we propose an additional PhD program. We were successful at obtaining support for a Director and full-time clinical professor for our MS online program in Criminal Justice. We will continue to support our existing graduate programs and the possibility of additional academic programs in the upcoming academic year.

2016-2017 results and plan for next 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 our newly developed graduate programs and for the MS in Forensic Science. Although we did increase our student enrollments, we would like to increase the numbers by a larger percentage.

Our faculty in the College of Criminal Justice continued to grow and impact the field in scholarly productivity marked by over 86 peer-reviewed research articles and 180 regional, national, and international conference presentations over this academic year. Our Departments of Forensic Science and Security Studies dramatically increased their scholarly impact. In addition to collecting data on our conference presentations, we will begin including our impact to the field by assessing our grant applications and successes.

As a leader in the field, our College will continue to examine potential new programs in the upcoming year. We hope to obtain approval to begin a new bachelor's program in Homeland Security over the next academic year. We will continue to promote and support the development of rigorous, contemporary curriculum.
