



2015-16 End-of-Year Report Academic Department Success Plan

Department: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Department Chair: Dr. DeVere Woods

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Please answer the following questions in two or three pages and submit to your Dean by October 3. Your Dean will review and advance to Academic Affairs by October 10¹ and will offer you feedback by Oct. 17. This report will help inform your 2016-2019 Student Success Plan update that will be due to your Dean by Nov. 4.

- 1. Specific accomplishments/achievements this past year (briefly explain using bullet points, noting any changed/adapted):**
 - a. Pre-graduation checks of juniors/seniors, group advising of upperclassmen completed through in-class discussion in upper level major classes with respect to pathway.
 - b. Advising students on importance of 15-18 credit semesters
 - c. Sophomore Advising Party. Provide pizza and refreshments to sophomores night before scheduling starts so they are aware of what classes are available to them.
 - d. Greater use of Social Media to connect with students and creation of a newsletter to highlight activities by faculty and students and provide advising and programmatic information.
 - e. Departmental Career Fair
 - f. Continued growth of Departmental Student Organizations
 - g. A ceremony/party for CCJ students during the spring semester to highlight the transition from UC to the CAS/CCJ major. Each student will be provided with a button from the CCJ department. A spoken pledge will be created for the students to take during the ceremony highlighting the requirements of the degree. Have local police/corrections/probation...etc. officers on hand to speak with students about possible careers.

- 2. Objective/Actions Not Achieved (briefly explain using bullet points):**

The Department will begin to evaluate courses that may be considered problematic for students by reviewing D/F/W rates to determine if scheduling, curricular, or other factors are limiting student success in these courses. Once the courses and the data are identified, the department will devise mechanisms to assist students in successful completion of the course(s).

- 3. Looking ahead, briefly describe changes, additions, or subtractions that need to be made to your goals and/or action steps, including with respect to their linkage to student learning outcomes.**

We are currently studying new initiatives to target 21st Century Scholars

- 4. Do you see opportunity for this project to work more closely with another department, college, or unit such that greater impact might be possible (briefly explain)?**

Exploring new opportunities with the Career Center

- 5. Is there anything else about your initiative you feel important to detail?**

¹ Note that the Dean will request a refinement to the report if it is not suitably addressing the questions.