

MINUTES

Criminal Justice

Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:00pm – 4:25pm | Meeting called to order by Chase Budziak

In Attendance

Members Present:

John Holiday – Detective, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office

KC Members Present:

Chase Budziak – Dean, Office of Instruction

Joanne Kantner – Vice President of Instruction

Joseph Przybyla – Criminal Justice Faculty

Kim Jordal – Administrative Specialist II

Review of Last Semester Minutes

- FA20 Minutes Approved

Spring 2021 Enrollment & Financial Information

Enrollment

- SP20 to SP21 enrollment 14.4% decline
- Dramatic redistribution of credits from F2F to Online format.
- Student Head count declined by 10.1%, less of a decline in continuing students compared to new.
- Criminal Justice department program credits up 167 credits (29.7%), from spring 2020 to spring 2021.

Department & Curriculum Updates

- Department targeted Spanish-speaking community members by developing recruitment flyer in Spanish. The flyers were placed throughout community prior to pandemic.
- The department did see a notable increase and promotion activities are a good model to follow and could consider targeting additional populations of students.
- Aligns with the state and Perkins initiatives for all career technical areas to be more diversified.
- Department is implementing Open-Education Resources in fall 2021, which will make text materials more accessible to students.
- Curriculum change: substituting Criminal Law II for Traffic Law Enforcement to graduate. Every police officer going to be dealing with this and a definite need for them to have this course.

Discussion

- Does the Kishwaukee College Criminal Justice program provide the level of training that you require of new employees? Too much or too little?

- Applied degree more popular. In the past, 200 to 300 applicants would show up for jobs, but now now lucky if 30 or 40 apply.
 - New trend seems to be coming in with the associate degree and letting department pay for the bachelor's degree.
 - There has been a shift from undercover or on the street officers to wanting to do forensics, counselling, or probation officers. 50% of classes are not wanting to go onto street. Spreading out to truly be criminal justice.
- Does the Kishwaukee College program provide the appropriate level of training required of new employees? What credentials are required for hiring?
 - Attending the police academy and any degree is beneficial for police department.
 - Usually degree is needed, but applicants get no extra points for 4- year degree, dialed back just looking for good people.

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Fall 2021 | Late Afternoon Location: TBD