




**Helen Bader School  
of Social Welfare**

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TO: Dev Venugopalan  
Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

FROM: Stan Stojkovic   
Dean

DATE: October 9, 2018

RE: Recommendation of the Criminal Justice Faculty, and the HBSSW Academic Planning and Budget Committee to Change the Name of the Department of Criminal Justice to the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

On September 26, 2018, the faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice voted unanimously in support of the proposed name change to Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. The recommendation received the full support of Helen Bader School of Social Welfare's Academic Planning and Budget Committee on October 4, 2018. The accompanying attachment provides the rationale for the name change.

I am forwarding this proposal, which has my approval and full support, for further action. I understand that you will circulate the proposal to the other schools/colleges for comment after which, if they are no concerns, it will be submitted to the Faculty Senate consideration.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me or Tina Freiburger, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department. I look forward to action on this recommendation as soon as possible.

Enc.

cc. Provost Johannes Britz  
Associate Dean HBSSW, Gwat-Yong Lie



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Dean Stan Stojkovic, Ph.D.  
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Re: Rationale for changing Department of Criminal Justice to Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

Dear Dean Stojkovic,

The Department of Criminal Justice is seeking to change the department name from "Department of Criminal Justice" to "Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology." The goal of this request is to provide a more accurate portrayal of the academic program we offer and to better encompass the types of research faculty in the department are conducting.

The current name "Department of Criminal Justice" relates to the system response to crime but does not address causes of criminal behavior. Our current curriculum, however, addresses both. Not only do we offer criminology specific courses, but virtually all our criminal justice courses also incorporate criminological theory. For example, CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy is a course that focuses solely on criminological theory and utilizes a textbook titled, "Criminology". Additional classes such as Women and Crime, Victimology, Violence, White Collar Crime, and Juvenile Justice focus heavily on criminological theories delving into causes and explanations for these types of behaviors.

The inclusion of "Criminology" in departments of criminal justice also is a national trend. In the last few years many programs, such as Georgia State and University of Missouri-Kansas City, have included "Criminology" into the name of their departments. This name change will keep us current with this trend in the field.

Changing the name of the department to include Criminology will better reflect the education we provide to students as well as the research being conducted by the faculty. As such, naming the department the "Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology" more accurately reflects our mission and values.

Sincerely,

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