Program Review Final Report

for

Criminal Justice Technology

Submitted to

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by

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I. List of Team Members

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II. Analysis of Results:

A. Strengths

Program enrollment is steadily increasing with good diversity in the program.

FTE is consistent with enrollment.

Criminal Justice Technology was accredited by the North Carolina Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission in May 2005. The accreditation is will require re-certification in May 2015.

There are four full-time and 8 part-time faculty teaching in the program. Each faculty member is either a current or retired law enforcement officer. They all meet SACS credential guidelines and participate in professional development activities to remain current in their field.

There is a dual enrollment agreement with Fayetteville State University which offers students a degree plan that will specify the courses required at each institution to earn an Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology/Associate in Arts (Criminal Justice Pre-major) at CFCC and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at FSU. Students are able to enroll in courses at both institutions simultaneously.

The facilities and equipment are up to date.

The Criminal Justice Technology program is part of the CFCC Fast Track program which provides students an opportunity to earn their associate degree in –(how long)

Program planning (SPOL) is excellent. There are good assessment measures that are well documented. Results are also well documented.
The Advisory Committee is active and very supportive of the program.

The instructors have a great rapport with local law enforcement departments and the private security sector.

The program curriculum was revised in 2010 and is in accordance with the North Carolina Community College Standards.

The CJT program offers an Associate in Science degree, a Criminal Justice Certificate and an Industrial Security Certificate.

On the Currently Enrolled Student Survey, 88.24% of respondents indicated they are satisfied with the quality of instruction and the overall program. 11.76% indicated a neutral response.

On the Graduating Student Opinion Survey 100% of graduates indicated satisfaction with the overall quality of their academic program.

There is a 100% employment rate for graduates from the past three years.

B. Weaknesses

No Weaknesses

C. Opportunities

Increase the graduation rate by encouraging students to remain in the CJT program rather than transferring, letting them know that promotions within the departments is based on your level of education. Also, encourage students to apply for the CJT certificate even if their goal is to obtain an associate degree.

A certificate program must have 16 credit hours in order for a student to obtain financial aid. The Criminal Justice Certificate has 13 hours and the Industrial Security Certificate has 15 hours. If hours could be added to these certificates to bring the credit hours to 16 this could potentially increase enrollment and the graduation rate for these certificate programs.

Threats

Students are transferring to the Basic Law Enforcement Training program when sponsorship becomes available before finishing the Criminal Justice Technology program thus causing a low graduation rate for CJT.

III. Committee Recommendations
The team recommended that the college:

Continue program without recommendations.

Paul Sweeney is commended for his leadership in the Criminal Justice Program and for his diligence in obtaining the Certificated Protection Professional certification.

Notes:
- Explore the feasibility of adding a counter terrorism course to the certificate curricula in order to increase the credit hours to 16 for financial aid purposes.

- Explore opportunities to increase the graduation rate.

- Encourage all full-time faculty to work toward obtaining the Certificated Protection Professional certification.

Review again in five years.