MINUTES: Criminal Justice Faculty Meeting, October 3, 2012, 1:00 pm, TJM 315

PRESENT: Dr. Asmussen, Dean Galardi, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Schottel

I. Criminal Justice Faculty reviewed Dr. Sharma’s capstone report for Spring 2012, the Mission, Role and Objectives of the Department of Criminal Justice and the 2010-2011 Criminal Justice Program Enhancement Study.

Mr. Sharma’s report reviewed the meeting of the institutional goals in the General Studies and the Criminal Justice programs and in the capstone course. Dr. Asmussen indicated that they would continue to look at classes and how the skills developed in those classes fit into the achievement of the program goals.

Ms. Schottel will ask Mr. Blobaum to give her access to the Blackboard shell for capstone reports allowing her to review the capstone reports.

Dean Galardi indicated that Dr. Grotrian-Ryan has a good survey that she offers to students. He suggested that Criminal Justice faculty members obtain a copy of the form. He also suggested looking at content, how to teach the course, and collecting feedback from the students and from the community – the latter a process not for the classroom.

Dean Galardi also suggested that Ms. Alice Holtz could provide a summary of Criminal Justice internship comments made by the internship employers. A review of the employer comments and student evaluations could be useful.

II. Criminal Justice Faculty discussed the use of a national exam for comparison of Peru State Criminal Justice students’ general knowledge with that of students from other institutions. A problem for the online testing is the requirement for the test to be proctored. Study tools for the test should include the text for the Survey of Criminal Justice.

III. Faculty members discussed the introduction of an intra-school criminal justice competition or a competition offered for high-school students much like the PSC High School Business Contest.

Also faculty members discussed the inclusion of debates in classes and/or club meetings, so students will be able to experience arguing the position of choice and then have the opportunity to experience representation of the position not chosen.

IV. Dr. Asmussen suggested that after fall break Criminal Justice faculty would meet to review again in terms of evaluation of the program.

V. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.