

Graduate Council Resolution

in Support of the Proposed Ph.D. Program in Criminology

RATIONALE

Whereas the Department of Criminology has proposed adding a Ph.D. program;

and whereas their proposal makes manifest the rapidly rising demand for qualified university professors in Criminology nationwide, and documents a lack of doctoral programs to train said professors. Such a program is in especially high demand in Illinois, whose population is served only by the existing Ph.D. in Criminology at the University of Illinois Chicago. Students trained in the proposed program would be capable of filling not only professorial positions, but also research and intelligence positions within agencies of the criminal justice system;

and whereas the addition of a doctoral program will benefit the department and university. It will raise the research profile of the existing program and aid in retention and future recruitment of young faculty. It will benefit the university as a whole with its interdisciplinary nature and high potential for student recruitment as the department anticipates enrollment of up to 14 new students in its first three years, with further growth thereafter. The strength of faculty in the areas of race, gender and criminal justice further suggest that the program may be attractive to women and minorities;

and whereas all the necessary courses and faculty are already in place, and the proposed addition requires no immediate new expenditures.

RESOLUTION

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the creation of a doctoral program in Criminology.