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Sabina:

I just received the news release concerning the \$7000 AT&T grant.

I'm not aware that the CJ Department approved a cyber security program or the development of one.

I have always encouraged faculty to pursue areas of interests and current topics courses provide the vehicle for such pursuits. Current topics courses can be offered three times before it must be decided whether it becomes a permanent course offering. That decision is a departmental decision and it must be approved by the department. Paragraph 2 of the release notes "the new course will provide specialized training..." Does this refer to the current topics course you are currently teaching or to some other new course? Paragraph 5 states "UW-Platteville's Department of Criminal Justice is currently developing the cyber security curriculum in consultation with others..." I think you are using this phrase very liberally. This is bordering on false claims when the department or university is doing something when it is not.

According to the websites of Journal of Cyber Security and Journal of Criminal Justice which you state you own. Both states a proposal for a cyber security/homeland security program at UW-Platteville

1. Create cyber security and criminal justice journals
2. Create an undergraduate and graduate course for cyber security
3. Create an undergraduate and graduate course in homeland security
4. Form workshops as a community outreach
5. Create more homeland security and cyber security courses in the next years
6. Develop an emphasis in homeland & cyber security with in criminal justice
7. Turn emphasis into a major in homeland & cyber security in the next years
8. Build a UWP Cyber – Security Center.
9. Neither websites clarify if this is your goals or the department's. But, I would take it to be that the department has sanctioned all of this.

As an old saying goes you have the cart before the horse.

The Forensic Investigation Program is the latest expansion of the criminal justice program. It started with the support of the then Provost, Dr. Butts. She provided the support of the development of the

FI program not only verbal support but financial support. She allocated the FTE (at that time) and ensured funding for textbooks, classroom equipment and supplies. It had the overwhelming support of the department. The department chair Joe Lomax was involved in every step of the process. We convened advisory board meetings to get input from those in the field as to the need and type of courses necessary to benefit students going into the field. We created a position description, created a search and screen committee and then conduct a nation-wide search. We got courses passed through the appropriate curriculum committees before offering a single course. It was a long process. Today you see the results of all that work that involved many people. The process was supported by the department's faculty, the dean, the provost and the chancellor. All were involved in every step of the process.

You are advertising in press releases and websites that the department and university are supportive of what you are doing. That is in error. First, you need to garner support of the cj faculty. We need to determine if a need exists and we can meet that need. Can we get support from the Dean and Provost for additional personnel. You were not hired to create this program. Teaching current topic courses, which you have taught a number of different topics, would not be sufficient to justify new courses, new emphases or new majors. My vision of the future is exactly that my vision.

It has taken us over 8 years to get the FI program to where it is today. It has the support of the department, the college and the university. This is the appropriate model to follow.

After you gain support of the departmental faculty, then as a department we move forward to garner support of the dean and provost with realistic expectations and substantiated facts about the need for this area. Only then would we be able to being to advertise the creation of courses or other expansions within the CJ Department.

I would caution you on how you are presenting your ideas and visions in the media or on the world wide web as that of the Criminal Justice department or the University of Wisconsin- Platteville.

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