

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering

FROM: Barbara Strassman, Chair of CAP

RE: Criminology Degree Change in Designation

DATE: March 26, 2014

Background:

When the Department of Criminology underwent an external review in February 2013, the reviewer questioned the rationale for the department's awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree and recommended that the department consider awarding the BA. The department concurred with this recommendation.

Dean Ben Rifkin sought and received approval for this change from the Deans Council. In December 2013, he sent a request to Steering asking that CAP review the change.

Charge:

CAP should determine if the request is ready to be forwarded to the NJ Presidents' Council for review by the Academic Issues Committee. The "Manual" of that committee states that if the desired change in degree designation "does not fundamentally change the purpose of the program" and does not change more than 25% of the required courses, then "the committee will accept the change as an informational item and forward it to the Commission on Higher Education as the repository of information about program status."

Steering does not believe that any further testimony is required.

Recommendation:

CAP reviewed the documents sent to it and determined that the request for a change in degree designation is ready to be forwarded to the NJ Presidents' Council.