

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay T. Akridge, PhD  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Ronald Elsenbaumer, PhD  
Chancellor



DATE: June 8, 2020

RE: Departmental Name Change to Department of Public Policy

The faculty of the Department of Public Policy seek to change their name to Criminal Justice and Public Administration. This request has the full support of the Dean and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The Dean of Professional Studies believes that the change in department name will result in increased enrollment for the criminal justice program, as it will be more visible and easier to locate on our campus. The name change is the result of curricular modifications due to market demand. The current name was established when the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs (BSPA) included concentrations in criminal justice policy, healthcare management, and law and public policy. The healthcare management concentration is being eliminated due to competing programs opening at IUFW, the law and public policy concentration is being eliminated due to a lack of demand, leaving the criminal justice program and the Masters of Public Administration (MPA).

Purdue University Fort Wayne requests the approval for the proposed departmental name change in the College of Professional Studies.

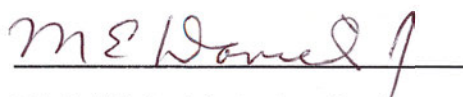
Approval Recommended:



7/7/20

Jay T. Akridge, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Diversity

Approved:



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President



School of Aeronautics  
and Astronautics

July 1, 2020

Jay Akridge, PhD  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

Candiss Vibbert, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost for Special Initiatives

**Re: Purdue Fort Wayne, College of Professional Studies Proposal for Department Name Change**

Dear Provost Akridge and Associate Provost Vibbert,

On behalf of the Academic Organization Committee (AOC), I am pleased to provide our review of the proposal from the from the Chancellor of Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) to change the name of the Department of Public Policy to the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration.

The departmental name change is requested for two primary reasons: 1) to reflect the curricular modifications made in the department, specifically the elimination of the other two concentrations for the Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs (BSPA), leaving only a concentration in criminal justice policy; and 2) to improve visibility and marketability of the criminal justice program with the goal of increasing enrollment.

We reviewed the written proposal and identified no major concerns. The faculty in the Department of Public Policy voted unanimously on May 11, 2020 to change the department name, reflecting strong support for the proposal. The AOC chair also spoke with James Burg, the Dean of Professional Studies at PFW. Dean Burg very strongly supports this proposal as part of an effort to better market the criminal justice program to prospective students and hopefully reverse the trend of declining enrollment. The Dean also noted that they are in the process of re-instituting the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and the department name change is consistent with this effort.

In summary, the Academic Organization Committee strongly supports the proposal and recommends that it be accepted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S Bane' in a cursive, flowing script.

Sally Bane, Ph.D.  
Chair, Academic Organization Committee

cc. Members of the Academic Organization Committee

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