

To: Patrick J. Wolfe, Provost

From: Ronald Elsenbaumer, Chancellor



Date: March 19, 2025

RE: Name change for two departments

This proposal seeks to change the names of the Department of English and Linguistics and the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. In both cases, the name change reflects alterations in their program portfolios.

English and Linguistics

The faculty in the Department of English and Linguistics seek to change the department name to the **Department of English**. The current name was adopted when the department offered programs in English, Linguistics, and Teaching English as a New Language (TENL).

During the 2023-24 Academic Year, the linguistic faculty expressed a desire to move from the Department of English and Linguistics to departments within the School of Education. On July 1, 2024, the Linguistics and TENL programs and faculty officially moved into the School of Education.

At the Fall 2024 Retreat (August 21, 2024), faculty formally voted on motion 24-3 "Motion to change department name to Department of English." This passed with 17 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstentions. This vote represents the entirety of the faculty within the department.

Criminal Justice and Public Administration

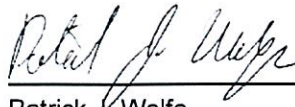
The faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration seek to change the department name to the **Department of Criminal Justice**. The department offered the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ) and the Master of Public Administration (MPA). Admission to the MPA was suspended in 2021 and all students have been taught out. When the MPA is revised and relaunched, it will be in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies¹. The new department name is needed to reflect the academic programs – BSCJ and minors in 1) Criminal Justice and 2) Forensic Investigations – offered in the department.

The faculty have supported the name change in two different votes. First, email voting occurred on October 14, 2022 with 2 of the three eligible faculty voting in favor and 1 abstaining. Because a new faculty member was hired since the initial vote, the Chair held a second vote on the name change on March 19, 2025. On that date, of the four faculty, 4 voted in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, passing the proposal unanimously. Thus, faculty are in support of this name change.

Thank you for considering these proposals to change the names of these units.

¹ We recently discovered that the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies was omitted from the organizational chart when we reorganized colleges in December 2020. Thus, we respectfully request that our Organizational Chart be officially updated to show the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (DIS) under the College of Liberal Arts (COLA).

Approval Recommended:

 05/13/2025

Patrick J. Wolfe Date
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs and Diversity
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Approved:

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April 25, 2025

Patrick J. Wolfe, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

Re: Academic unit restructuring requests for Purdue Ft. Wayne,

Dear Provost Wolfe,

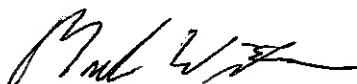
On behalf of the Academic Organization Committee (AOC), I am pleased to provide our review of proposals submitted by Ronald Eisenbaumer, Chancellor of Purdue University Ft. Wayne. The proposals include a change of name to the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration, and the Department of English and Linguistics. An additional request was made to rectify an omission of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies from the organizational chart.

The Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration is seeking to change its name to Criminal Justice. The rationale for dropping Public Administration from the name of the department is that the Master of Public Administration program was suspended in 2021 and the teach out ended in 2022. The program is relaunched under the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. The Department of English and Linguistics seeks to change its name to the Department of English. On July 1, 2024, faculty in the Linguistics and the Teaching English as a New Language programs relocated to departments within the School of Education. Faculty voted unanimously to approve both name change proposals. The Department of Interdisciplinary studies will be housed within the College of Liberal Arts.

Members of the Academic Organization Committee met on April 22 for a discussion of the proposals. The committee found the proposals to be clear and the faculty of Purdue University Ft. Wayne supported the proposals. The Academic Organization committee voted in favor of each proposal without any concerns.

Therefore, after doing our due diligence, the Academic Organization Committee supports the proposal and recommends that it be accepted. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the AOC chair.

Sincerely,



Mark Wilson, D.C., Ph.D.
Chair, Academic Organization Committee

cc.

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