**SPS Criminal Justice Program Review**

**General Comments:**

* The program goals are aligned with the mission of the University.
* A very nice description of goals for each level of course (100 – 400) is given.
* Clear explanation of the assessment methods for courses are provided.
* Each quiz is written to include questions spanning different orders of thinking.
* The benchmark of 73% seems aligned with most programming in the University
* An interesting observation was made that the last quiz from two separate courses had the lowest averages, regardless of topic and three suggestions were provided to explain or address this.
* CRJ 309 uses a final exam as an assessment tool and focuses on program goal III and competencies 1 and 6 .
* Inclusion of Rubric for 300 level assessment is helpful.
* A thorough explanation of how the exam was used for assessment for CRJ 309 was given.
* It is interesting that a hypothesis is given that CRJ 100 assessments and CRJ 309 assessments would correlate. Data indicating 89% of students taking the final exam for CRJ 309 “exceeded expectations” also helps to validate CRJ 100 assessment.
* Mention is made of Senior Seminar. It is good that this course will be used in the future for assessment.
* It was mentioned that Senior Seminar was combined with the Human Relations major through Spring 2011. The program was aware of the limitations of this design and made changes in order to complete a valid assessment of their students’ competencies.

**Suggestions**

* While program goals are aligned with the mission of the University, it would be nice if mention is also made about alignment with SPS, if applicable.
* Goals and objectives are listed, but it would be helpful to identify which objectives fulfill which goals.
* Each chapter quiz is used as a measure of assessment for all of the objectives and goals for CRJ 100, but it is unclear which chapters relate to which objectives. If each chapter could be linked to appropriate objectives, then information could be obtained as to which objectives are being met or not met.
* Mention of a final exam is made for CRJ 100. Would this be a more useful assessment tool?
* Are there future questions that will be addressed?