

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice program services a critical community and student need in providing basic as well as specialized training for careers in law enforcement. Enrollment in program courses has increased steadily during the past six semesters, suggesting the program continues to do well in attracting students. The opening of the Clancy Osborne PE Complex on campus has provided excellent facilities for training in specific courses offered in the program.

The lack of AS degree or certificate of achievement awards is of concern to the Program Review Committee. This observation, coupled with high enrollment and high successful completion rates for individual courses, suggests that students enroll in program courses not necessarily with a degree or certificate objective, but with the goal to upgrade skills, fulfill prerequisite requirements for a 4-year degree, or to satisfy in-service training requirements. The program would be greatly enhanced by the addition of vocational counseling services, as well as expected online registration and class delivery resulting from the implementation of Colleague.

The Committee asks whether the degree and certificate programs need to be revised, or removed altogether. The Committee, therefore, requests that that Criminal Justice program be evaluated again in two years, focusing specifically on the issue of the degree and certificate programs, and that a plan of action be developed on how to proceed with those programs.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Program: Criminal Justice

Year: 2008-09 Program Review

Budget Committee commentary on Program Review report, as of meeting of April 21, 2009

Budget Analysis: (Are they staying within their budget?) No immediate budget impact.
Comments/Suggestions:
Program Requests: (Impact to department budget.) Vocational counselor position, paid from grant sources.
Comments/Suggestions: We concur with the Program Review Committee's recommendation that Criminal Justice program managers prepare a follow-up program review report within two years, focusing on the degree and certificate programs. We recommend that the follow-up program review report be completed and presented to the Program Review Committee no later than Spring Semester 2011. Plans to obtain a vocational counselor need to be evaluated as to cost and benefits by the Office of Instruction in tandem with the Office of Student Services.

Resources:

General Fund:

Categorical Fund:

Priority:

High

MediumLow

Rating:

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Budget Committee:

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COLLEGE COUNCIL

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

College Council/Strategic Planning Steering Committee
Meeting of May 5, 2009

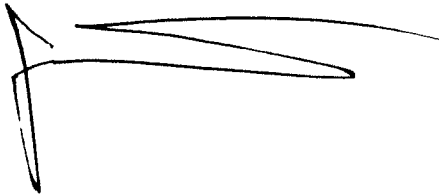
Comments on the Criminal Justice Program Review:

College Council agrees with the Program Review and Budget Committees that the Criminal Justice program should prepare a follow-up program review report within two years, focusing on degree and certificate program enrollments and awards.

We believe, further, that the addition of a vocational counselor will benefit the Criminal Justice program by encouraging enrollments in certificate and degree programs.

The Offices of Instruction and Student Services have collaborated in formulating a program of work for this position and in developing a grant funding source to pay for it. A job description for the position will be presented at the next regularly scheduled College Council meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUTOMOTIVE

The Automotive Technology program is serving an important community need providing students with marketable skills. The need is reflected in the stable enrollments in the program. The new Technology Building and updated scheduling process has improved the efficiency of the course offerings and the student's ability to complete in a timely manner.

The program has also distinguished itself by establishing and maintaining industry partnerships. The benefits include not only supplies and equipment to the program but also exposure to cutting edge research and technology within the automotive industry.

The faculty will be updating the A.S. degree in consort with the Advisory Committee in order to bring the degree requirements more in line with student and industry needs. The faculty will also be working with the local industry to develop more opportunities for on-the-job training.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

AUTOMOTIVE

Program: Automotive Technology

Year: 2008-09 Program Review

Budget Committee commentary on Program Review report, as of meeting of April 21, 2009

Budget Analysis: (Are they staying within their budget?)

No immediate budget impact.

Comments/Suggestions:

Program Requests: (Impact to department budget.)

Vocational counselor position, paid from grant sources.

Comments/Suggestions:

Plans to obtain a vocational counselor need to be evaluated as to cost and benefits by the Office of Instruction in tandem with the Office of Student Services.

Resources:

General Fund:

Categorical Fund:

Priority:

High

MediumLow

Rating:

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Budget Committee:

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AUTOMOTIVE

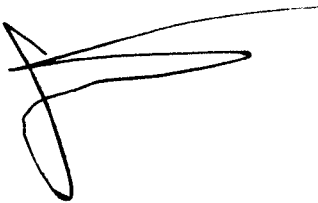
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Comments on the Automotive Technology Program Review:

College Council is aware of the need for a vocational counselor. The Offices of Instruction and Student Services have collaborated in formulating a program of work for this position and in developing a grant funding source to pay for it. A job description for the position will be presented at the next regularly scheduled College Council meeting.

We applaud the Automotive Technology program in its efforts to build industry partnerships in the community and in its "build a car/sell a car" program.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FIRE SCIENCE

The Fire Science program provides essential training to persons seeking careers, and career advancement, in firefighting as well as closely related fields such as swift water rescue and hazardous materials handling. Program enrollments are very high, as are successful course completions.

Program managers are currently updating the AS degree and HazMat certificate and have just recently implemented other certificate programs, accounting for the absence of program award information at this time. The program would be greatly enhanced by the addition of vocational counseling services, as well as expected online registration and class delivery resulting from the implementation of Colleague.

Program managers have demonstrated effectiveness in developing and maintaining industry partners to deliver the program at key locations throughout California. The Program Review Committee encourages the program managers to continue to expand industry partnerships and to recruit individual adjunct faculty as well. The Committee also recommends development of a system to measure and evaluate student learning outcomes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

FIRE SCIENCE

Program: Fire Science

Year: 2008-09 Program Review

Budget Committee commentary on Program Review report, as of meeting of April 21, 2009

Budget Analysis: (Are they staying within their budget?)

No immediate budget impact.

Comments/Suggestions:

Program Requests: (Impact to department budget.)

Vocational counselor position, paid from grant sources.

Comments/Suggestions:

We recognize the importance of the Fire Science program in the overall FTE revenue to the College. We encourage program managers to continue to find ways to reduce the program's reliance on a single instructional service provider. Plans to obtain a vocational counselor need to be evaluated as to cost and benefits by the Office of Instruction in tandem with the Office of Student Services.

Resources:

General Fund:

Categorical Fund:

Priority:

High

MediumLow

Rating:

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Budget Committee:

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COLLEGE COUNCIL

FIRE SCIENCE


College Council/Strategic Planning Steering Committee
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Comments on the Fire Science Program Review:

The College Council anticipates that the Title III "virtual campus" grant program will facilitate online course delivery, helping to increase certificate and associate degree program enrollments and awards in Fire Science and other academic and vocational disciplines.

The Offices of Instruction and Student Services have collaborated in formulating a program of work for a vocational counselor position and in developing a grant funding source to pay for it. A job description for the position will be presented at the next regularly scheduled College Council meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NURSING

The Nursing program provides the opportunity for students to pursue careers in the high-demand field of health care, and to provide the health care industry with well-trained employees. Apart from meeting general education requirements of Palo Verde College, the program must also maintain accreditation status with various state and county regulatory boards. In these regards the program appears to be well-managed and staffed with dedicated faculty members.

Program enrollment has grown significantly between Fall 2006 and Fall 2007 and course completion rates are high. The report does not show pass rates on board exams; however, the program must maintain a high pass rate in order to meet accreditation standards.

The report identifies two key areas of need that appear to be adversely affecting growth: an additional full-time instructor and additional instructional space, specifically lab and classroom space. As to the former, the Program Review Committee recommends that the Instructional Services Office assess current and projected faculty staffing levels in the Nursing program and develop recommendations for future review by the Program Review Committee, Budget Committee, and College Council. As to the latter, the Program Review Committee recommends that the Instructional Services Office evaluate current and future instructional space requirements of the Nursing program and develop recommendations for future review by the Program Review Committee, Budget Committee, and College Council.

The Nursing program faculty and staff is encouraged to continue its efforts in developing programs in emerging fields in health care.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

NURSING

Program: Nursing

Year: 2008-09 Program Review

Budget Committee commentary on Program Review report, as of meeting of April 21, 2009

Budget Analysis: (Are they staying within their budget?)

No immediate budget impact.

Comments/Suggestions:

Program Requests: (Impact to department budget.)

The report requests:

1. Additional lab space and a larger office area
2. Additional full-time and adjunct faculty

Comments/Suggestions:

As to the two areas of need defined by the report, we concur with the Program Review Committee's recommendations: 1) the Instructional Office should assess projected faculty staffing needs of the Nursing program and report its findings to the Program Review Committee, Budget Committee and College Council for further action; and 2) the Instructional Office should assess projected instructional space needs of the Nursing program and report its findings to the Program Review Committee, Budget Committee and College Council for further action.

Resources:

General Fund:

Categorical Fund:

Priority:

High

MediumLow

Rating:

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Budget Committee:

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NURSING

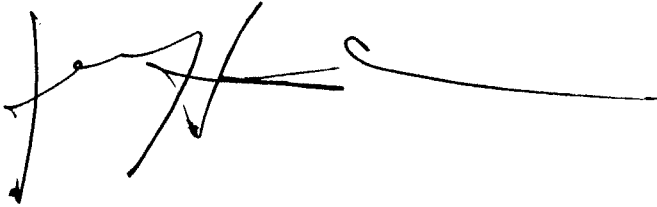
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Comments on the Nursing Program Review:

The College Council agrees with the Program Review and Budget Committee recommendations that the Instructional Office evaluate future staffing and instructional space needs of the Nursing program.

The College Council recommends further that the Nursing program evaluate the pass rates on appropriate State Board licensing exams of students in all programs and that such pass rates be incorporated by the Nursing program into its assessment of student learning outcomes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WELDING

The Welding Technology program is very successful in meeting the needs of students and local businesses. The expansion plans of the program are noteworthy. The faculty has already taken effective steps to increase access to the program by working technicians. Furthermore, the faculty is looking at an Associate's Degree program and expanding to include courses and a certificate in Metal Fabrication.

Careful attention must continue to be paid to the cost of the raw materials for the program and opportunities that may exist to mitigate those costs.

Program: Welding Technology

Year: 2008-09 Program Review

Budget Committee commentary on Program Review report, as of meeting of April 21, 2009

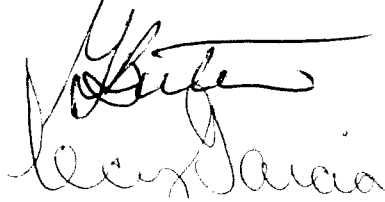
<p>Budget Analysis: (Are they staying within their budget?)</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Comments/Suggestions:</p>
<p>Program Requests: (Impact to department budget.)</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>Comments/Suggestions:</p> <p>The Welding program review report describes the increased cost of materials and supplies and how such increases could adversely affect the program. We encourage the efforts of program management to find innovative ways to obtain scrap steel and other supplies from local industries to help reduce program costs.</p>

Resources: General Fund: Categorical Fund:

Priority: High Medium Low

Rating: 1 2 3 4 5

Budget Committee: Approved/Disapproved

Date: 4-21-09


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WELDING

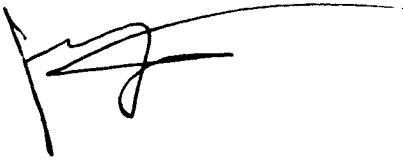
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Comments on the Welding Technology Program Review:

College Council is aware of the need for a vocational counselor. The Offices of Instruction and Student Services have collaborated in formulating a program of work for this position and in developing a grant funding source to pay for it. A job description for the position will be presented at the next regularly scheduled College Council meeting.

We applaud the efforts of Welding Technology managers to build industry partnerships in the community, and to find innovative ways to reduce program costs.

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