DATE: March 5, 2012

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum

SUBJECT: 11-12 CIC 10: Proposal for a Certificate in Criminal Justice

PURPOSE: Action by the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate recommend approval of the proposal for a Certificate in Criminal Justice, effective Summer 2012

**Background** At its meeting on February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2012, CAPR discussed a request by the Department of Criminal Justice Administration to establish a Hybrid-Saturday Criminal Justice Certificate Program that provides an opportunity for students interested in criminal justice to gain a broad overview of the field by incorporating a basic introduction to the criminal justice system, criminal law, policing, crime prevention, corrections, and victimology. According to Department Chair Prof. Silvina Ituarte, the certificate program is intended to provide professional development for those interested in the field of Criminal Justice Administration. It will be piloted through outreach to military veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan through the Veteran’s Administration (VA). This is the target population that it is believed can be best served by the program. The proposed certificate will be offered through DCIE with classes on alternating Saturdays and will be delivered by adjunct faculty and, to some degree by full-time faculty on overload. There are no resource implications since the courses are already approved and part of the general curriculum. It is proposed that a convenient off-site location such as a VA institution could be used for classroom sessions for a cohort of students. Completion of the certificate will give potential criminal justice professionals a more rounded view of the field; it is designed to get people thinking about going back in to a full-time program and is thus an important recruitment tool. When questioned on what impact the certificate program would have on current majors enrolled in full-time program, CAPR was informed that there would be none; this is a self-support program. According to Chair Ituarte, it is unlikely that stateside-enrolled students will be affected by the unavailability of the certificate; they will continue to choose the minor in Criminal Justice Administration, which is more valuable than a certificate. The program is slated to begin Summer 2012.

CIC considered the proposal at its meeting of March 5 and also recommends that the Senate recommend approval of the Certificate in Criminal Justice.