

## **Resolution 2014-15.A**

### **Resolution to Approve New Major, Criminology, in Bachelor of Science in Sociology**

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies:

First reading: September 8, 2014

Second reading:

Approved by University Council:

Approved by the President:

First Effective Date to Declare Major: Fall 2014

First Effective Date to Graduate: Spring 2016

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of faculty members in the Department of Sociology have international reputations, active research agendas, outreach activities, and teaching responsibilities in the area of criminology; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of sociology majors who select an option in crime and deviance continues to increase suggesting an interest in the study of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with *A Plan for a New Horizon*, courses in the criminology major integrate issues related to diversity, inclusion, social inequality, globalization, the intersections of race, class, gender, sexualities, and age, provide students with experiential learning, service learning, research opportunities, and require quantitative skills; and

**WHEREAS**, students with a criminology major will be prepared for a wide-range of careers, such as being FBI and CIA agents, national security intelligence analysts, police officers, probation and parole officers, high school counselors, evaluators of crime prevention programs, prison administrators, conflict mediators, directors of non-profit organizations, researchers in a variety of settings, and social workers; and

**WHEREAS**, a criminology major will prepare students for advanced degrees in numerous fields, such as sociology, criminal justice, social work, and law.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the major in criminology be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Science in Sociology effective Fall 2014 and the proposal forwarded to the President for Approval.