2001 – 2002 Executive Summary
Five-Year Reviews of UM-St. Louis Departments and Centers

Department: Criminology and Criminal Justice

College: Arts and Sciences

Departmental Mission: The faculty in the department are committed to maintaining and advancing the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department's reputation for excellence in teaching and research. In this regard they will be responsive to the major social influence on their programs, the attention devoted by policy-makers, the media, and opinion leaders to crime and justice problems. The field has grown in response to crime problems in the nation and the metropolitan region and the corresponding expansion of the criminal justice system.

Strengths: The department has emerged as a model in terms of its members' external research funding, publication productivity, the teaching effectiveness of the faculty, and service in both university-based and professional bodies. The department is nationally recognized for its programs and research productivity. The external reviewer noted that the department is "defining national trends in our field and the goals for successful criminology and criminal justice departments…..this international and national reputation directly benefits the St. Louis area".

Assessment: Seniors graduating with the major score very well on the Major Field Test in Criminal Justice offered by the Education Testing Service. They score in the 66th – 75th percentile of all seniors taking the exam. This places the department in the 87th percentile of all institutions participating in the field exam. Data from the most recent survey of the American Association of Doctoral Programs in CCJ indicated that UMSL students score at the mean in the quantitative category, slightly higher in the verbal category, and higher still in the analytic category. The first four 2001 graduates of the Ph.D. program are currently tenure track faculty in criminology and criminal justice programs.

Goals/Resources: The department plans to propose an applied track in its masters program. It is developing two on-line versions of existing courses and one new on-line course. With the net revenues from offering these courses, it hopes to be able to hire new faculty. The department will strive to retain its current faculty and maintain its productive research and funding momentum. The department wants to attract and maintain a diverse faculty with more women and minority scholars on its faculty. Its goal is to be a faculty with 18 tenure-track faculty, a goal requiring the addition of five faculty lines in the next five years. The Dean indicates the department will search for one new position this year.

Faculty Productivity: Among the department faculty are two Curator's Professors, an E. Desmond Lee Endowed Chair in Youth Crime and Violence, two faculty who have received the Outstanding Young Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology, and a past recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In the past year faculty submitted 12 grant proposals; five were awarded totaling $463,833.

Curriculum Quality: The department offers rigorous curricula with a strong common core in each degree program. It has enjoyed substantial enrollments in nearly every course. Presently, 409 undergraduates are majors, 54 graduate students are in the M.A. program, and 24 students are in the Ph.D. program. In the past

year there were awarded 113 B.S. degrees, 10 M.A. degrees, and 2 Ph.D. degrees.

Program Accreditation: not applicable