

# UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

## CRMJ & SAG Merger

- On August 13, 2015, the full time CJ and SAG faculty was convened to discuss the merger of the two departments. During this meeting, the following things occurred:
  - Approved the new name of our merged unit:  
***Department of Social, Cultural, and Justice Studies*** (SCJS)
  - Transitional Executive Committee appointed to examine the bylaws of each department and create a draft of new bylaws for the merged unit for review by the full faculty
- A first draft of the merged bylaws was discussed during a meeting of all full time faculty on December 1<sup>st</sup> - suggested revisions have been given to the committee that is working on the bylaws (Dean Elwell attended this meeting)
- A second draft of the bylaws will be submitted to the SCJS faculty by the end of January, 2016
- A meeting to discuss the second draft of the bylaws will be scheduled for mid-February, 2016
- We anticipate completing the bylaws and holding a faculty vote by mid-March, 2016
- New letterhead reflecting the name of the merged department will be ordered prior to the end of this Fall semester. New business cards for Tammy Garland, John Browne, and Pamela Ashmore will be ordered as well. New business cards for all other faculty members will be ordered at the start of the spring semester.
- Prior to the end of this semester we will make essential changes to the CJ and SAG websites to reflect the newly merged unit. During the Spring semester additional changes to the websites will be completed.
- Prior to the end of this semester, dates for the Spring semester monthly SCJS meetings will be announced and sent to all full time faculty
- In Spring 2016 an *ad hoc* committee will be formed to discuss possible cross listing of curriculum and stream lining for maximum effectiveness of our undergraduate degree programs.