

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2021

Members Present: Sheriff Steve Kelley, Kay County Sherriff's Office.
Lt. Jason Filtz, Ponca Police Department
Chief Nick Payne, Tonkawa Police Department

NOC Members Present: Troy Cochran

Troy Cochran, Social Science faculty welcomed the members and introductions were made

Troy Cochran started the meeting out by going over some statistics about the Criminal Justice Program. There has been a dip in enrollment college wide and Criminal Justice has seen that dip but a rise in Online classes as well. Enrollment in Online Criminal Justice went from 46 to 60 this past year. Troy Cochran showed the new Online Criminal Justice degree plan that allows someone to complete the Criminal Justice Degree completely online. Lt. Filz inquired about the hands on investigation course material in the past. Troy Cochran advised that since the program went to ITV on multiple campuses as well as online that we've had to forgo that part of the class but has been looking into take home lab kits to be added into that as a substitute.

Lt. Filtz stated that his agency is struggling to find minority and female applicants for the department and asked if we are recruiting for those. Troy Cochran advised that we have started to recruit this semester specifically for social sciences and criminal justice but have not targeted specifics groups. Troy Cochran mentioned the Arkansas City Police Department asked to come speak to the class and noticed they had a direct to target minorities and females too. Troy stated that anytime any of the agencies want to come talk to current criminal justice students to just let him know.

Next item on the agenda was future courses. Troy stated that this same advisory group approved a potential new course at the last meeting dealing with cultural diversity and due to enrollment, no new course has been developed yet. However, at

the request of Darrell Frost, head of the Social Science, asked him to inquire about a course Troy has been creating on his own called History of Criminal Justice. Troy talked a little about the course objectives and members of the advisory board approved.

Troy provided an update on the degree program for the Collegiate Officer Program (COPs). Troy stated that due to the pandemic and leadership change at NOC, this program was put on hold. Troy also wanted to discuss the viability of a COPs program while Enid PD just opened up a new police academy. Troy suggested that in the future we could partner with them to share resources to get the COPs program up and running. Lt. Filtz advised that Pioneer tech is also about to start offering CLEET classes. Troy brought up two options for next meeting; determine the viability of still creating the COPs program or attempt a partnership with Enid Police Academy or Pioneer Tech.

Troy provided information about criminal justice internships and asked for feedback from members. Chief Payne welcomed new interns locally. Ponca PD is always willing to take an Intern.

Troy then talked about the student organization Criminal Justice Society and our on campus activities as well as community service. Troy advised them on a new chapter being created called SAFE (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies) which members agreed was a good idea. Troy asked for help once it was established next semester for donation sites. Members agreed. Troy also advised that the group was fundraising to attend a National competition in March in Kansas City and that NOC has provided a grant of \$2000. Troy advised them of the groups letter campaign that will be starting soon. Lt. Filtz suggested reaching out to Walmart and Phillips66. Chief Payne suggested to reach out to Chesapeake Energy who has a criminal justice grant. Troy also mentioned that students wishing to compete in future firearms competitions would have to take a certified safety course. Chief Payne volunteered to help out with that when it comes to it.

Troy Cochran admits that he completely forgot to hit the record button on the Zoom meeting.

Meeting Ended at 1305 hours.