

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

Members Present: Sheriff Steve Kelley, Kay County Sherriff's Office. Colt Chandler, OSUPD. Lt. Jason Filtz, Ponca PD. Richard Brown, OSBI (briefly attended but stepped out due to emergency).

NOC Members Present: Troy Cochran

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

Troy Cochran stated that there are 112 students enrolled in the Intro to Criminal Justice program over the last year which was more than the year previously. This total includes all three campuses. There has been 348 Criminal Justice degree students who have graduated from Northern Oklahoma College. Troy mentioned 141 students declaring majors in Criminal Justice, down from 147 the previous year.

Troy provided an update on the degree program for the Collegiate Officer Program (COPs). After receiving a response from the NOC administration, an alternative plan was suggested to have students take program courses at NOC and then take the skills training/courses with OSU-OKC. Mention of the new Enid Police Department Academy was made and whether it would conflict with the COPS program. Members agreed to move forward with an MOU from OSU-OKC.

Troy provided information about criminal justice internships and asked for feedback from members. OSUPD welcomed student interns and was added to the list. Sheriff Steve Kelley stated that the Jail is locked down to anyone but Interns can be placed with deputies. Ponca PD is always willing to take an Intern.

Lt. Filz inquired about the program's competitions. Troy advised that NOC was supposed to host the regional competitions for the American Criminal Justice Association this year but was canceled due to the pandemic. Plans are being made to host the competition this time next year. OSUPD and Ponca PD expressed interest to help.

Troy mentioned a new course adoption that he was interested in given the current climate of policing in the US called Police Community Relations and read the common core description. He also mentioned that from previously meeting with the Board, they discussed adding an Ethics related CJ course as well as a Cultural Diversity course. Troy asked for recommendations. Sheriff Steve Kelley expressed that he believed the Ethics course was the way to go. Captain Chandler stated he was for all 3 courses.

Troy asked about openings and job applicant recommendations. Sheriff Kelley stated they were full. Lt. Filtz stated that they had many openings and asked to express to students their actions now might cause them not to pass a background check later as well as polygraph examinations being a recent issue. Troy asked about holding a mock interview board for his interested students and whether anyone would be interested in helping in that next semester and both Sheriff Kelley as well as Lt. Filtz agreed to help. At this time Captain Chandler had another meeting to get to.

Meeting Ended at 1302 hours.