**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 25, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Troy Cochran, Director Criminal Justice Northern Oklahoma College

Chief Nick Payne, Tonkawa Police Department.

Chief Kevin Main, Newkirk Police Department.

Captain Jeff James, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troop K Commander.

Lt. Jason Filtz, Ponca City Police Department.

Mr. Carlos Sanchez, Oklahoma Juvenile Authority

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

Troy Cochran shared stats about the current criminal justice program. He advised that even Criminal Justice was not immune to the pandemic hitting low enrollment numbers. He did state that online numbers went way up and so far, appear to be staying up. No comments or suggestions made for this agenda item.

Jill Green with the Foundation stopped by to give an announcement about scholarships. Jill Green talked about a potential donor wish list.

Captain James brought up the idea of the COPS program that he works with at OSU-OKC. Troy Cochran updated him and the others about how the COPS program was a goal to start here at NOC but were met with logistical issues and funding problems. It was discussed that since Pioneer Tech opened up their own police academy to table this goal. To wait and analysis the current need for a COPS program. Troy will re-assess after a year.

Troy Cochran spoke about the Criminal Justice Internships at NOC and how proud his is of those involved. He stated since 2017, there has been 66 internships in every aspect of criminal justice. Troy also mentioned the newly formed co-curricular assessment committee to standardize internship assignments across all disciplines. Troy and Captain James spoke about the unavailability of internships with OHP. Troy advised that he has students ask about it every semester. Troy suggested that maybe OHP didn’t understand the nature of what NOC means by Internship and that its essentially observational in nature. Troy suggested that if they allow ride-along they should be able to do internships as extended ride-alongs. Captain James stated that he would look into it. Chief Payne said internships are always welcome at Tonkawa PD. Chief Main said that they would welcome them as well. Lt. Filtz advised that Ponca does them all the time for NOC. Troy asked Lt. Filtz to give an overview of what they provide our interns. Mr. Sanchez said they could do internships as well at OJA.

Troy then spoke about his Criminal Justice Society and gave an update on the club’s community service project and recently hosting the regional competition in OKC. He advised that without the help of others, they would not have been able to practice firearms and we would need be able to continue to do that if they wanted to compete in Firearms at the national competition. Captain James offered his assistance but also stated that Trooper Coby Snyder would be a good resource as he is local and has his own range. Troy advised that he has been in contact with Trooper Snyder about that same topic. Troy advised that he would like help with mock crime scenes. Troy said he can only do so many crime scenes in a classroom. Lt. Filtz stated that the previous criminal justice instructor Charlie Blair had a trailer that was used to do different crime scenes. Troy stated he would look into that but hasn’t heard about it. Chief Payne volunteered to help with multiple locations in Tonkawa when the need arises. Troy said that every competition they have gone to has had a dummy drag event in the physical agility and that he couldn’t afford to buy one and asked for help. Committee members stated they either didn’t have one anymore or are using it for alternative purposes. Chief Payne mentioned that he had one made by the Fire Department using grain bags that could be an option. Troy talked about the American Criminal Justice Associations new goal of recruiting Pro chapters by law enforcement agencies to increase member numbers and to allow them to recruit at events. Troy as new regional VP will create a proposal to send out later this year. Troy talked about needing to raise funds for national competition next semester in Kentucky. Chief Payne suggested that we reach out to Kay County Detention Center to ask if they would sponsor us. Troy mentioned he would look into that as he wasn’t aware that government entities could do that and will look into it. Chief Main also suggested Chuck Greenwood out of Ponca City. Captain James had a few suggestions to raise funds like selling merchandise and challenge coins. Troy mentioned that we have had the idea of challenge coins in the past but funding the initial mold order has been an issue. He suggested that we have normal challenge coins we can sell to all CJ majors for $10 but then have a few special ones made to hand out to graduates. Troy stated he liked that idea and would bring it up to the club at the next meeting. Captain James suggested a calendar fundraiser where friends and relatives can “buy a day” and the students can share this via social media. Troy inquired how they receive funds. Captain James said all those money apps, like cashapp etc.. Troy said he would look into that with the fundraising office.

Troy talked about the potential plans for a Criminal Justice lectureship series using funds from Joe Lewis Lectureship program. He stated that he would like to charge a fee for attendance and split the profits with the fund and his club who would work the event as a fundraiser. Troy told them his pick for first speaker would be Phil Chalmers who is well known to Law Enforcement. Committee members all agree that if we could book him, he would be a good first choice as his target audience is law enforcement and college staff. Troy inquired about what they would pay to see him or pay for their officers to come. Committee members agreed that $150 was pretty common for him but if we wanted to allow more to come to lower the price. Troy then asked for other recommendations for lecturers. Committee members suggested; Pat McCarthy Street Crimes, Dave Grossman Bullet Proof Mind, Local Oklahoman Harvey Pratt, Echelon Front Extreme Leadership, Joel Johnson Motivational speaker/Law enforcement Instructor. Troy stated that he was just advised that Clayton Johnson recently volunteered to speak as well. Lt. Filtz said that he would be good for my classes as he is doing something interesting with cross-deputization to allow for more federal prosecutions. Troy said that he would reach out. Troy stated that he would begin the process of starting the CJ Lectureship Series.

Troy asked the advisory board group about current trends and issues in Criminal Justice. Committee members came up with the new special election on recreational marijuana coming soon. 1st Amendment auditors, sovereign citizen. Recent legislation that’s going into effect Nov 1st include no more fines for possession of tobacco under the age of 21. Stalking laws changed to Felony and added warning letter to offender. Chief Payne invited Troy to attend the department’s next legal update to stay up to speed. Mr. Sanchez advised that OJA has been dealing with an increase in juveniles using and possessing marijuana and the current trend in Oklahoma is to be less punitive in nature and only serious juvenile offenders get placed in detention.

Troy asked committee member about their current job openings. Captain James advised OHP Troop K has 18 Troopers but would like 24. They are accepting applications and have a new incentive for transfers from other agencies if they have at least 2 years of experience. He also advised they just received a good pay increase. Lt. Filtz advised Ponca PD is short 9 officers and are accepting applications. He advised they are thinking outside the box to get recruits. He talked about coming to NOC to recruit and invited him anytime they wish to just email or call and we’ll set it up. Chief Payne advised Tonkawa PD is hoping to add to their workforce soon and positions will be open. Chief Main advised Newkirk PD is fully staffed at the moment. Mr. Sanchez advised that OJA has one opening locally but requires a bachelor’s degree to apply.

Troy ended his agenda asking questions for his own research on criminal justice disqualifiers, each agency gave answers on whether or not they allow, visible tattoos, facial hair and possession of a medical marijuana card.

Added agenda item from NOC President Harris consisted of how to increase enrollment; How to increase funding and/or decrease costs at NOC. Lt. Filtz asked if we recruit at pioneer tech because they have a lot of high school criminal justice students. Troy will reach out and inquire. Captain James asked if we are making a presence known in the high schools. Troy stated that we have new recruiters that seem to be getting out there. Captain James said that social media is important and that Facebook is no longer relevant and we should be on Instagram and that a strong social media presence is a must these days. Another suggestion from a committee member not noted that we should do a podcast which are popular today. Troy and committee members talked about some suggestions on a weekly Criminal Justice podcast. Troy will reach out to Dean Pearcy about the idea. Off topic but another committee member not noted brought up why the criminal justice students don’t provide security for the campus. Troy talked about how Cowley students have such a program with uniforms and their own student patrol car. Troy stated that he liked this idea and that he would add this to his agenda for future projects to discuss. Troy also mentioned that any department willing to donate a used patrol car would jumpstart this type of program.

Meeting Ended at 1530 hours.