

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Members Present: Steve Kelley, Kay Co. Sheriff's Office; Sean Grigsba, Kay County Sheriff's Office; John Whitham, Tonkawa Police; Chris Brown, Oklahoma City Police; Brian Thomas, Perry Police; Teena Stone, Office of Juvenile Affairs; and DeWayne Wood, Blackwell Police. NOC members present were Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Rae Ann Kruse, Troy Cochran, and Darrell Frost.

Dr. Stinson welcomed the members and expressed appreciation for valuable feedback at prior meetings. Advisory committee members are vital links to our communities.

Darrell Frost, Social Science division chair started by introducing the NOC members present and asked guests to introduce themselves. Darrell followed with a scholarship update.

Dr. Kruse provided information about criminal justice internships and referred members to a handout in the packet. Troy has placed 19 students in a variety of internships in the past 2 years. Rae Ann explained the requirements to be placed in an internship and the responsibilities of the hosting agency. Brian Thomas from Perry PD, DeWayne Wood from Blackwell PD, and Teena Stone from O.J.A offered to host interns.

Troy Cochran gave an overview of the Criminal Justice program and announced that he has 60 students currently taking Intro to Criminal Justice.

Troy referred the members to the degree sheets in the packet and asked for feedback on proposed changes to align our degree program with other criminal justice programs in the state. Degree program modifications include adding CRMJ 2113 Criminal Investigation and CRMJ 1513 Introduction to Corrections to the Program Requirements. These courses were previously program electives. He also proposes changing CRMJ 2233 Juvenile Delinquency and CRMJ 1333 Criminal Evidence into program electives. CRMJ 2460 Internship would also become an elective.

Troy also introduced the degree program for the Collegiate Officer Program (COPs). After receiving input from the committee, Troy will take the modifications to the NOC Curriculum Committee; the degree program would then be submitted to the NOC Board of Regents and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. If approved, classes could begin summer 2019.

A member recommended we look into HB 2882 that will allow technology centers to start teaching academy-based courses at satellite locations. Troy did some research after the meeting and submitted the following information:

“To clarify HB2882 below that was discussed in our meeting does not specifically target vocational-technology schools.

The proposed Committee Substitute to HB 2882 allows any state-supported technology center school operating under the State Board of Career and Technology Education, or any higher education institution in this state to, upon application and approval of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), offer courses of study for law enforcement certification, basic peace officer certification academies and other law-enforcement-related training. Any courses or training offered must meet minimum standards established for peace officers and meet all applicable eligibility requirements for students to receive benefits pursuant to any of the federal G.I. bills. The measure also allows CLEET to conduct basic peace officer certification academies and other law enforcement training for individuals who are neither commissioned nor appointed by a law enforcement agency.”

Troy discussed the proposed COPs program. He explained that NOC can teach all the academics but will need a list of instructors to submit before the program can be approved. Instructors need current CLEET certification in the designated areas. Board members provided instructor recommendations for sexual assault, criminal law, firearms, LEDT, Below 100, and First Aid. The LEDT course will need a location and a vehicle. Troy requested that if any of the agencies were purchasing new cars and disposing of their old fleet to consider a donation to NOC.

Troy will send a blank copy of the Call for Instructor sheet to all committee members to request course instructors. Members agreed to support the program and provide additional faculty recommendations.

Rae Ann asked about the local job market. Kay County Sheriff will have one position opening. They have 26 total staff, of which 13 are on the road. Sheriff Kelley stated that everyone is looking for certified employees.

Blackwell has hired four employees since 2014; three were already CLEET certified.

The group agreed that it costs \$23,000 to \$26,000 to send a candidate to CLEET and finding quality applicants is difficult. Candidates have to make a 4-year commitment when they enter the CLEET academy or have to pay back a portion of the expense. Members commented that a new employee takes seven months before benefitting the agencies: four months at the academy and 3 months Field Training Officer (FTO). Students need to understand that CLEET certification and security certification are not the same thing.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs has an opening in Kay County. The position has been vacant since March 16. A bachelor's degree is required for this juvenile parole officer position.

Oklahoma City Police typically received about 700 applications a year but they recently instituted an online application system and they get about 1,400 applications per year now. Sgt. Brown said that recruiting young candidates takes a lot of personal contact and the hiring process takes 2-6 months.