

Minutes of
Law Enforcement Academy / Criminal Justice
CTE Advisory Board Meeting
held 02/06/2014
9:00-11:00 a.m.
at PCC
Barbara Fortino Room

In attendance: Ron Leyba, PCC/LEA; Michael Engle, PCC/CRJ; Patti Erjavec, PCC President; Gus Sandstrom, Board Chair; Luis Velez, Chief, PPD; Anthony Marzavas, Chief Deputy DA, Pueblo; Don Pinover, Captain, Fremont SO; J.R. Hall, Pueblo SO; Shane Hughbanks, DOC; Dale King, CSP (retired); J.R. Rodgers, Parole; Scott Copely, CSP; Joe Albo, PCC/LEA; Jacquelyn Eckert, Judge (retired); Paul Schultz, Chief, CCPD; Todd Geist, Former PCC Student; Bradley Ross, Former Student; Delia Lechtenberg, PCC/CTE Director (Academic Liaison); Ken Thompson, PCC/CRJ

Chair Sandstrom alled mtg. to order.

Leyba welcomed all.

Previous minutes approved.

Pres. Erjavec thanked all and reported on PCC initiatives

- B.A.S. degree:
 - o Passed Senate; on to House
 - o Bach. Of Applied Science for CTE (Career & Technical Education)
 - o Will allow PCC to attract students from around the state
 - o CBI has some interest
- Cadaver Lab:
 - o Partnership with St. Mary Corwin Hospital
 - o One room for Surgical Technology program
 - o One room for cadaver lab
- Pre-Engineering program
 - o Great transfer program
- Residential Housing
 - o In feasibility study stage
- Converting all textbooks to e-books
- Expansion at SCCC Mancos Campus
- Online Associates Degree initiative is on-going
 - o Focus group on it currently

Sandstorm:

- By-laws modifications
 - o Appointments by Law Enforcement agencies are due in September

Introductions of those present (see “In Attendance” above)

LEA section of meeting (Leyba):

- **New LEA Degree**
 - o A.A.S. (Associate of Applied Science)
 - o It’s a crossover from a CRJ degree
 - o Engle: “This is a CRJ degree that is transitioning to a LEA degree”
 - There was not enough demand for the Corrections part of this degree so it was removed, making it more suited as an LEA degree
 - Students looking for the Corrections component are more likely to pursue a transfer degree (Assoc. of Arts, AA)
 - o This LEA-AAS degree, in this particular form, is unique to PCC
 - o New educational enrichment opportunities for LEA students
 - o Combines Academy with CRJ classes
 - o Will expand the educational foundation for students
 - o Velez: “Will it include English/math/science?”
 - Answer: YES
 - o A.A.S. would also be an easy transition to potential PCC-B.A.S. (Bachelor of Applied Science)
 - o Erjavec: “Would a B.A.S. be of value? (many believe “yes, it would”)
 - Online would be helpful
 - Hughbanks asked if the cost for a B.A.S. at PCC would be less;
 - Answer: YES
 - Sandstorm pointed out a natural CBI link to the Cadaver Lab
 - o Erjavec and Engle also pointed out the availability of the new Studio Campus site in the heart of downtown Pueblo
 - Perfect for new veterans wanting to pursue LEA/CRJ
 - PLEASE REFER VETS TO OUR STUDIO CAMPUS
 - o Call for motion on new LEA A.A.S. degree
 - Moved by Hughbanks
 - Seconded by Eckert
 - Approved unanimously
- **Leyba discussed LEADERSHIP component to curriculum**
 - o Various leadership topics
 - o Developing ‘soft skills’
 - o Erjavec: “Year of the Leader” at PCC next school year
 - Will be incorporated into curriculum
- **Academy Director at SCCC Campus at Mancos, CO**
 - o SCCC = Southwest Colorado Community College – part of PCC
 - o Will be filling new full-time APT (Admistrative/Professional/Technical) position of Academy Coordinator there
 - o Losing their current instructor/staff, Gini England
 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & THANKS TO GINI FOR HER GREAT SERVICE TO PCC!

- **Detention certificate**
 - o Pueblo Sheriff Dept. interested in new Detention Certificate
 - o 2 week content
 - o Applicable content on processes
 - Terminology
 - Law enforcement history
 - Etc.
 - o Sandstrom: CRJ degree is the least desired/looked for credential in hiring
 - Specialized training/certificates are best – most meaningful
 - o Hall: Looking for certifications – for example:
 - Microsoft
 - Detention
 - Mid-management topics/skills
 - Command institute
- **LEA 5 Year Plan**
 - o Need better facilities
 - o Campus space limitations are a problem
 - o Velez: considering having PPD academy working with PCC
 - Would be his current officers/employees, not PCC students
 - Would use PPD facilities but taught and run by PCC
 - o Hall: PDA has potential facilities for academy activities
 - Also, possibly the old judicial building
- Curriculum changes in PCC=LEA
 - o Upgrade (with help from CCPD)
 - o Firearms post-qualification issue
 - 100% range score to qualify
 - Strictest in nation (?)
 - Somewhat controversial
 - Mandated by the Firearms Committee
 - SME (Subject Matter Expert) Sgt. from El Paso County
 - Current standard demands increased remedial training (increased by 16 hours)
 - Potential gender bias issues
 - Velez and others might present to, or petition, the Firearms Board

LEA section of meeting adjourned

CRJ section of meeting (Engle):

- **Called to order by Sandstrom**

Engle:

- **LEA/A.A.S. Degree already discussed**
- **5 Year Plan:**
 - o **CRJ program status:**
 - Currently no full-time Coordinator
 - Will hire a Full-time Faculty member – probably in Fall 2014

- **FTE is up**
 - The academic dept. is strong
- **CRJ 280 class -- Cooperative Education/Internship**
 - Law Enforcement Agencies – please give our students opportunities
 - Schultz: CCPD has had several interns
- **Online classes**
 - PCC uses a hybrid model
 - Some skills and applications just can't be done online
- **Facilities**
 - **CBI: “We’ll build a facility in your vicinity”**
 - Now they don't return calls
 - We'll approach them now
 - Copely: CBI had funding issues (as did many state agencies) – they might be more open now
- **PCC will still have CRJ degrees – AA and AGS (Assoc. of General Studies)**
 - but the A.A.S. will now reside with LEA Dept.
 - CRJ will now be a support piece for the LEA/A.A.S. degree

- **Lechtenberg: Explanation of CTE Program**

- Funded by Perkins Grant (federal dollars)
- Each CTE program must have advisory board
- Advisory Board attributes:
 - Must have current student
 - Must have a graduate of the program
 - Must have representatives of the industry (not just teachers)
 - The Board Chair can't be a PCC Dept. Chair
 - Must have a quorum
 - Electronic quorum (by email) is acceptable if something comes up between meetings
 - 5-year plan must be discussed at each meeting and reflected in minutes
 - Need a more diverse board
 - Gender diversity
 - Other diversity
- Bylaws should be changed to reflect the membership of a student on a rotating basis
 - Bylaws will be changed for next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.