

West Virginia Northern Community College
CRJ Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, October 25, 2019

Present: John Lantz, Criminal Justice Instructor WVNCC, Dr. Daniel Mosser, WVNCC President, Dr. Jill Loveless, WVNCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dave Stoffel, WVNCC Division Chair Business, Crystal Harbert, Division Chair Liberal Arts, Kathy Herrington, Program Director Human Services & Early Childhood, Officer R.J. Faldowski, Chief Deputy John Schultz, Chief Shawn Schwertfeger, Wheeling Police Dept.

Absent: Debbie Cresap, Steve Kastigar, Charlene Stokes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. President Welcome and Address to Committee

Dr. Mosser, President of WVNCC, introduced himself to the committee and discussed his background and also his family's law enforcement background.

4. Synopsis of the Year

a) The crime scene house was approved by the Board of Governors. The house on 15th street was determined unsound by our architects. However, the money is still earmarked for the project. There may be a location on Wheeling Island. Chief Schwertfeger said it would not be a burden on the police department if a suitable location was found on the island and said the residents would welcome it. John Lantz will provide the address of a place of interest on the Island to the Chief.

b) Enrollment is growing. The Intro to Criminal Justice started with 30 students and is currently at 28. We have a total enrollment in the 50's. All classes will be offered online in Fall 2020 with the exception of Criminal Law. Student's interest is mainly in the correctional field, juvenile and forensics. Currently, 14 students long-term goal is to work in corrections.

5. Changes to the Program

The IPV video classes have been moved from the Education Center (EC) to the B&O Building. This leaves 2 classrooms available in the EC. In Spring 2020, those rooms will

be utilized for Criminal Investigations. There will be 1.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of lab. Currently the cap for this class is 25. Students will be divided into investigative teams. Chief Schwertfeger and Chief Deputy Schultz stated that their officers can participate in the classroom with real investigations and local case studies with forensics (collecting and preserving evidence). John Lantz will provide both of them the syllabus for the class. In addition, Open Educational Resources will be used which is no cost to the students.

6. Upcoming Classes/Events/Programs

- Twelve students attended a field trip at the Moundsville Penitentiary in October. This is a yearly event.
- A new DVD entitled, Solitary, was purchased for the classroom. There will be a public screening at the college. John Lantz to invite the Advisory Board as a panel to the screening. It will be used in conjunction with the Re-Entry offender day.
- CRJ is now under the West Virginia Invest. It pays for student's tuition but not the books.
- The Marketing department is working on pamphlets, flyers and other marketing materials to put in the local law enforcement departments.

7. Concerns, Issues, Suggestions

- Chief Deputy Schultz stated that physical fitness agility testing is a problem.
- Chief Schwertfeger stated that one of the biggest concerns they have is that no one wants to become a municipal police officer.
- Chief Schwertfeger commented that there are plenty of careers in Wheeling.; however, lifestyles of applicants have to change. They are failing background checks due to drugs. He believes it is a cultural thing. Many applicants post things on social media that are inappropriate. Kathy Herrington teaches Intro to Substance Abuse. She suggested adding that class to the CRJ program. It could be added as a gen ed. It could also be added in the Guided Pathways for early entrance. If the students have the information available to them while still high school, mistakes can be avoided that may hurt their careers. John Lantz and Dr. Loveless to discuss the possibility.
- John Lantz met with Dr. Bell at WLU. WVNCC has a 2+2 with the University. Some curriculum changes were made.
- Question arose to whether it would be possible for local law enforcement to pay for tuition/stipends for degrees in criminal justice. For example, Northwood will pay for a degree if the employee works there for 2 years. Students can also receive credits with the Prior Learning Experience (PLA) afforded by the college.
- Credits can be earned with the Police Academy.
- CRJ has a whole section dedicated to interviewing techniques.

- Police officers could utilize other training the college offers such as accounting, computer training, etc.
- Mental Hygiene is a concern. This is covered in our Human Services classes; however, Human Services can do a continuing education for the police officers. Kathy Herrington will send a copy of the syllabus to the Advisory Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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