



**LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE** 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5 p.m. LCC University Center, LIB 130

### **I. Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m.**

### **II. ATTENDEES**

Doug Kazensky, Longview Police  
Keith Lawrence, community member  
John Reeves, Longview Police  
Kevin Sawyer, Kelso High School & Longview Police  
Kevin Tate, Kelso Police  
Anita Quirk, LCC

### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **a) Enrollment update**

Fall 2019 enrollment down from Fall 2018, 52 and 71 respectively, in Professional/Technical Criminal Justice AAS degree. Anita Quirk shared that she also advises students in the Criminal Justice DTA and pre-law students; currently advising 99 students.

#### **b) Labor Market Data**

Data from Bureau of Labor Statistics shows expected growth in multiple criminal justice fields through 2026. Among them probation officer 3%, law enforcement officer/deputy 6%, private detective 10%, victim's advocate 6%. Data for corrections officer showed an expected 2% reduction at the state and national level. Members were surprised at that result. Data later pulled from Labor Insight for Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Lewis and Clark counties showed an expected growth of 7.2% in these counties with a very high demand as compared to other regions nationally.

#### **c) Program updates**

Criminal Justice AAS Degree  
Anita told the group that a couple of courses were dropped from the two year degree, including business law. A juvenile justice course was added. Currently have an Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminal Law course. Considering addition of Introduction to Policing course, plans to have it in place next fall. Discussion of adding



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community policing to Introduction to Policing course and how Intro to Policing differs from Intro to Criminal Justice. Anita told the group that Intro to Policing would focus more on policing, the system, leadership and department work. Doug Kazensky shared that it would be less about the courts and the court system and more closely aligned with the foundation police academy model.

**Criminal Justice DTA Degree**

The transfer degree has more social science selections and most Washington 4 year schools accept the Criminal Justice DTA allowing students to enroll directly with junior classman status. The majority of LCC students transfer to WSU-Vancouver.

#### **d) Curriculum review/suggestions**

Anita explained that degrees are still in development stage with attempts to make them as robust as possible, which is why LCC needs input from advisory board members for the structure of the program. Keith Lawrence praised the addition of the juvenile justice course and asked about content. Anita is still researching and reviewing textbooks.

Keith, with a background in juvenile justice, offered to work with LCC faculty to further develop the course. The course is scheduled to be offered Spring 2020.

Kevin Tate asked about the modality of the report writing course. Anita explained that it is hybrid. She meets with students twice a week, uses actual police reports as one tool, and students use intake sheets to determine what kind of information they will need. Coursework focuses on observation, practicing taking notes, and writing narratives in active voice. She would like to set up a crime scene on campus as part of the final project.

Anita is looking at making the CJ 180 Report Writing class a prerequisite to CJ 260 Physical Evidence and Criminalistics course. CJ 260 is taught by Jeff Gann, Castle Rock Police and LCC adjunct faculty, and has a more involved investigation and police report project. Jeff believes that CJ 180 should be a prerequisite to his class. CJ 180 is taught in winter and CJ 260 is taught in spring.

Anita shared "Standards and Disqualifiers" document with members. Consensus to absolutely use document to ensure students know what disqualifiers there may be before they invest in a criminal justice education.

#### **e) Reserve Academy (continued discussion)**

Members continue to support concept of college credit for attending a Reserve Academy but understand the challenges. The trend statewide is to reduce reserve programs. The nature of the program requires serious planning. LCC will continue to explore as an option for the future.

#### **f) Employer survey**



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Surveys were completed by employers in the room.

#### **IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**a. Kelso High School Open House**

Kelso High Schools Career and Technical Education program is hosting an open house to showcase their new facilities 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will be demonstrating skills they are learning that align with industry standards.

**b. Career Expo**

Kelso Longview Chamber and the Cowlitz STEM Network invite employers to participate in an event for 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from all school districts in Cowlitz County. There are 80 free spots for businesses to come and share information with students from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Cowlitz County Conference Center.

**c. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE):** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, location TBD.

#### **V. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.**