

## **Advisory Meeting Minutes**

May 24, 2022 @ 1PM Via Zoom

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### Present:

Corey Williams
George Yan
Seth Fogel
Edgar Salazar (LASD)
Lance Eddings (LASD)
Antoine McKnight (LAFD)
Roberta James (LA County Probation)
Rae Young (Gardena PD)
Jason Anderson (LAPD)
Buck Stapleton (LA Deputy Probation reserve)
Randy Ortiz (LASD)
Jason Anderson (LAPD)

# 2. Open discussion:

- a. About the current impact of COVID-19 on the program and hiring process. Local agency is hiring and have made the process less strenuous for applicants creating more support programs to help applicants in the hire process. With recent retirements and lack of recruitment agencies are short staffed
- b. It was suggested there are other areas such as CSI, DRE, constitutional law (comes up often in AJ 4) and psychology that might be good electives.
- c. Committee discussed and recommended there should be more electives offered in administration of justice degree program. Currently, there are only three (3) listed courses AJ-60, AJ-63 and AJ-160. Other course to consider that have not been offered and not a part of the degree requirement, and fire course should be considered, and AJ should be allowed for the fire degree electives in public safety. Including classes in homeland security once the program is implementing.

### 3. Consider new certificates and degrees:

a. Homeland Security: It was mentioned and discussed a certificate and degree program creating to meet industry trends and in-service training for agencies. There is need for academic components as it relates to Homeland Security and Emergency management, therefore, the board recommended the creation of a Homeland Security program with options of an AA degree and Certificate of Achievement. The area of homeland security is emerging as we see the increase in threats locally and nationally.



- b. Emergency Management: Discussed certificate degree and/ or certificate of achievement and should move forward with creating to meet Industry trends and in-service training these organizations as it relates to disaster training. There is need for academic components as it relates to Emergency management, which is distinct difference between homeland security. The board recommended the creation of an Emergency Management program with option of an AA degree and Certificate of Achievement.
- c. Corrections Certificate of Achievement: Professor Yan went through the formal process back in 2017, which was approved by the WLAC curriculum committee and Academic Senate. It was mentioned that LATTC has an AA degree in Corrections Science, corrections are both at the federal, state, and local levels. More degree options such as Correction degree and certificate will give student a competitive edge. The advisor board recommended Correction Certificate of Achievement in 2016 and in this meeting still supports and encourage an AA degree in Corrections. Report back on the statues of the approved certificate.
- d. **Combine Certificates:** Broad members, also recommended combining certificates with Fire, Administration of Justice and Correction creating certificate of achievements in the areas of 1. Public Safety, 2. Leadership, 3. Community Relations, 4. Criminal Investigation.
- e. **Cyber**-Every organization, police or otherwise needs that person who knows their way around a keyboard. Cyber training can be applied in many different areas from network intrusion to crime mapping to identity theft. A candidate with that training in their back pocket would be more hirable.
- f. **Forensic accounting** Seth indicated he was at the DA's Office this came up a lot. Most of the original jurisdiction cases that came through there were fraud of one type or another that always had to do with money. Many times, we would send batches of bank records, QuickBooks accounts, tax returns to this unit to make sense of it all. Being conversant in Excel was a necessary skill for those folks that could be part of the curriculum.
- g. **Statistics** This is a stand-alone course but with crime mapping, budgeting, resource allocation and deployment and probably a lot of other areas I don't even know about, stats with an AJ emphasis would be a nice tool to have. Corey mentioned the course was offered at Pierce College.
- 4. Law Enforcement Career Fair: Local agencies asked that we bring back our annual law-enforcement career day even if it is virtual. Local agencies want the opportunity to recruit potential applicants from our college, which appears to offer better candidates prepared for a career in the criminal justice.

## 5. Adjournment

a. Next meeting November 17, 2022 at 1PM via Zoom.