DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Dean’s Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Present for the meeting were: Mark Yokoyama Dean of Public Safety, Walter Allen RHC Director of Police Academy, Carley Mitchell RHC Faculty, James Engen City of Los Angeles Personnel, Timothy Vu Chief of Police Alhambra PD, Ron Mark Director Cal. State Long Beach Center for Criminal Justice, and Andy Flor community member.

1. Dean’s Overview – Mark Yokoyama

The Dean provided an update on various college and department issues, initiatives and programs…

* The new State Budget Funding Formula for Community Colleges has a focus on student success / outcomes through additional certificate programs, degrees awarded, etc. and we plan to find ways to enhance student education through additional offerings and awards.
* The Public Safety Division continues to work on ways to market its program offerings, one of which is an electronic billboard off a local freeway. Faculty and staff have been aggressively attending High School career days in the region, created marketing materials, updated its website, and has been working closely with Student Success on Dual Enrollment opportunities.
* During the last year, the College has committed substantial financial support to the academy by investing over $1M in equipment and infrastructure improvements. Some of the highlights of these improvements include upgrades to the firing range, building and classroom improvements, planned pavement repairs and parking improvements, and upgrades to instructional equipment, such as laptop computers for testing, audio/visual upgrades for instruction, and enhanced physical fitness/lifetime fitness equipment to name a few.
1. Administration of Justice
* Police Academy Director Walt Allen provided an update on the current Police Academy class that will graduate on January 10th with 39 recruits. The next class will be starting on February 12, 2019 and will start with 60 cadets and more than half the class already being hired by an agency.
* Work is being done on increasing the number of unit’s cadets receive upon graduation from the Police Academy. Additionally, we are developing a Certificate of Achievement from the college for the cadets/students completing the police academy. This will also help the college under the new funding formula.
1. Roundtable
* During the course of the roundtable discussions the Dean asked the committee on the advantages of creating a Certificate of Achievement for Administration of Justice. Carley Mitchell recommended packaging 4 courses (AJ 101, 102, 104 and 105) totaling 12 units should this be an interest. The roundtable discussion acknowledged the benefits of a certificate to both students and employing agencies and how most colleges do offer this as an option. Chief Vu stated that many applicants are coming into the profession with limited or no knowledge about law enforcement. Having a certificate will show a basic knowledge of the field, a higher level of personal motivation from individuals, make candidates more marketable and employable. It was a recommendation of the committee that a Certificate of Achievement for Administration of Justice be created.
1. Adjournment
* The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.