

Madera Community College Criminology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Via ConferZoom

Members present: George Cartwright (chair), Bill Ward, Myron Ybarra, Giachino Chiaramonte, Gary Mejia, Daniella Romero, Diana Vega, Antoniette Aizon (guest)

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm., via Zoom, by George Cartwright

II. Modern Policing Degree (MPD)

A. Degree Template

The current draft of the Modern Policing Degree (MPD) was shown to the committee, via Zoom. After reviewing the curriculum, the committee unanimously approved the creation of the MPD.

B. New Courses

Two new courses must be created to fulfill the curriculum requirements for the MPD. They are: Soc 17/Crim 17 – Crime and Deviance and Soc 3 – Intro to Social Justice. The committee unanimously approved creation of both courses as part of the curriculum for the MPD.

C. Ethical Reasoning

The MPD curriculum requires a course on the subject of ethical reasoning. Currently, the criminology program catalog includes Crim 15 – Introduction to Police Ethics. However, the class does not have a C-ID number. The committee expressed a preference to add Crim 15 and be submitted for C-ID LPPS 120 so it can be added to the MPD curriculum as an option to fulfill the ethical reasoning requirement.

III. Crim Program Updates

A. Crim 10 – Vice Control

Crim 10 is currently included as an option for the Criminology Corrections, AS and the Criminology Law Enforcement, AS. Given that very few law enforcement agencies have a vice unit in California, George Cartwright proposed Crim 10 be deleted from the two degrees and replaced with Crim 11 – Juvenile Delinquency. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.

IV. Internship Opportunities

Due to time constraints, the agencies in attendance were requested to contact George Cartwright if they would like to take on an intern.

V. Agency Reports

A. Who's hiring?

Several committee members stated most agencies are hiring officers and deputies. Gary Mejia announced the SCCC Police Department has an opening for a lieutenant.

B. What trends are you noticing in candidates?

Bill Ward travels to law enforcement departments throughout northern and Central California and noticed more agencies are hiring crime analysts. He also relayed "real-time centers" are becoming more common and they frequently hire crime analysts, as well. Diana Vega added she has noticed candidates have poor grooming habits.

C. How can do better to prepare students for the workplace?

Gino Chiaramonte said new officers are lacking in two vital skills: interpersonal communication and report writing. Students need to take classes in English composition and public speaking.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.