

AJ ADVISORY MEETING

May 15, 2013 CR Board Room
1:30-3:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Ron Waters, Pat Girczyc, Peter Cress, Billy Honsal, Gary Sokolow, Nick Nova, Ed Wilkinson, Greg Allen, Bill Dobberstein, Kent Bradshaw, Bret Smith, Garry Patrick, Mike Downey, Phone - Sean Breneman, Doug Plack

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Discussed AJ Program, Increasing Enrollment from last meeting

Gary Sokolow reported 60-70% of students agree with having one 3-hour class/week. He reported an option of having some hybrid courses where students are either online or on campus for 90 minutes/week, and rest of the course is done online.

Other possible course changes include combining Crime & Delinquency (AJ-5) & Juvenile Justice (AJ-10) to reduce duplication of course material. He also discussed dropping Intro to Investigation course (AJ-)8 as this is covered in the Academy and not necessarily important for someone just wanting a degree. Gary also asked the group to look at the current list of elective courses to see what possible updates could be suggested.

Pat Girczyc – This was Pat’s last meeting as our Division Dean. She commented she was impressed with the turnout for the recent bomb search/scare on CR campus, and thanked the involved agencies.

Increasing attendance in AJ degree courses. Asked for suggestions:

- Commercials? CR has no money for this type of advertising.
 - Bill Honsal - Incentives–agencies make it a desirable by having incentives for getting POST Intermediate/Advanced degrees – Humboldt county and some cities offer reimbursement for courses also
- Pat Girczyc - Online BA degree path. Pat also discussed success from one of the nursing faculty using the “Flipped Classroom” where students watch the lecture before coming to class, then class is used for hands-on application
- Gary Sokolow commented on the number of students not being prepared when showing up for class. He has started using mini-quizzes
 - Cooperative Education/Work Experience – work experience for units – problems with sensitive info – Sheriff Downey reported some success with clerical/OES positions. Sean Breneman said Juv. Probation/Hall had some extra help & JCO positions that could help out with internships
 - Doug Plack– seeing lack of motivation as another problem
 - Gary Sokolow volunteered to visit various departments along with a career counselor to review student’s needs for completion of a degree based on their current transcripts.

- Marketing the program by attending briefings and/or making flyers to be posted letting officers know about one course/day for 3 hours to allow them to attend.
- Ron is still working on an AS degree in “Basic Academy” similar to Golden West College. Academy would meet their core requirements and then would only need electives and required classes (English, Math, Science, etc.) for a degree.

Just completed the semester-long Dispatch Academy. Had 31 students complete the course!

Advanced Officer Courses

- Dispatch AOT courses – need instructors!
- Active Shooter – Tom Dewey finishing up outlines on these. Would be a combination course involving law enforcement and also other responding agencies (EMS, Fire, etc.)
- Interview & Interrogation – looking at the Fall
- FTO/FTO Update – need instructors. An FTO Supervisor and experienced FTO would make a good combination for this course.
- TC Investigation – Tim Jones (EPD) is working on this with CHP. No anticipated date for presentation.
- Radar – EPD just had an officer attend. Will be trying to set this up.
- Training Managers meeting now every other month due to low attendance. May also set up a phone call-in line so out-of-area personnel could attend.

Roundtable

Chief Plack asked about the possibility of adding a 40-hour Traffic Collision Course to the Basic Academy? Ron suggested this could be done as an optional added week at the end of the academy.

Kent Bradshaw – HROP reported 2 of 31 students in the dispatch academy were high school students. Sees roughly 100 students in his courses at high schools. Career paths & special speakers needed. Garry Eagles & Sheriff Downey sponsoring Explorer Academy at CR June 17. Eagles gave \$10K and HCSO added some money also. Need some dynamic people (Academy and/or AJ student, etc.) to come out and speak at his two high school classes. CSO/PSO, dispatch in some cases.

Pat Girczyc – EMT program would be a good class for high school students entering CR to take in preparation for law enforcement career.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.