

Academy Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2020

PRESENT:

Ron Waters - AJ Director, College of the
Redwoods
Brian Ahearn – Chief, Arcata PD
Dr. Kishan Lara-Cooper - Community Member

John Packer - Sergeant, Humboldt State University
PD
Erika Tracy – Community Member
Debbie Topping - Recording Secretary

Ron Waters called the meeting to order at 1:00 via Zoom.

Dr. Lara Cooper shared her experience of speaking to the Academy class, bringing in her experience of working with children, biases and presumptions. She also discussed the history behind the behavior of indigenous peoples. Asked for suggested topics for future discussions, Yurok Tribal Police had suggested including Public Law 280 in the curriculum as well as enforcing court orders on the reservation. It was suggested that two days be added to the Academy hours for more extensive cultural immersion work.

Ron Waters wants to start developing changes for the next Academy which begins in January of 2021. Dr. Lara Cooper suggested a “Google Doc” be started to facilitate discussions between meetings. With new AJ Director, Michael Perkins starting at College of the Redwoods in December, it would be important for Ron to put his suggestions in writing so momentum is not lost. Ron agreed to start a Google Doc as suggested to start discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm with plans for a meeting on November 13 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Topping
Recording Secretary