

Academy Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2021

PRESENT:

Mike Perkins, AJ Director, CR
Richard Griffin – Chief, Crescent City PD
Dr. Kishan Lara-Cooper - Community Member

Monique Harper-Desir – Community Member
Michelle Haggerty – CR Faculty

Mike Perkins opened the meeting. He will be checking on what is being taught throughout the State. We don't want the Committee to lose momentum and should aim for posting a document regularly – Quarterly? Annually? We might consider changing the methodology of the Conversations with the class.

Chief Griffin is seeing a “new era of law enforcement” as it continues to move forward with de-escalation training. He is seeing the development of individual leaders and would like to see departments send officers to leadership training earlier in their careers. He also wants to see agencies taking care of the mental health/wellness of the officers, that they come prepared daily for the job they are asked to do.

Michelle Haggerty, CR Psychology Professor, suggested lectures in the Academy on social psychology such as the 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment on following orders. She thought the group should plan ahead for Community Conversations.

Mo Desir noted that the Community-led sessions were important but lecture/talks can become mundane. Other methods should be included such as art-based “Theatre of the Oppressed” and student-directed panel discussions

Dr. Lara-Cooper felt she had benefited from the Conversations as well as the Committee and was happy to see the Committee's outcomes published in a document. She would like to see alternate days considered for meetings to get more participation from the group members. A lot is being missed by everyone not being involved. Everyone would like this to be a good use of their time. Is everyone still interested?

Meeting ended at 1:30. Mike Perkins will find a better meeting time to attract more members (maybe a Doodle poll?).

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary