

**MINNESOTA WEST
LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2007**

The Minnesota West Law Enforcement Advisory Committee met on Monday, October 8, 2007, in room 203 at Minnesota West – Worthington Campus. Chief Mike Cumiskey, Lt. Brian West, Beth Van Orman, Markus Murphy, Mark Holden and Dr. Marnie Fischer were present.

Mark Holden called the meeting to order and addressed the Committee on the following topics:

Welcome/Introduction of Markus Murphy

Mark Holden introduced Markus Murphy. Markus is the new law enforcement instructor. Markus joined the faculty at Minnesota West in August 2007.

Death Investigation Training – November 13, 2007

Minnesota West's Law Enforcement Program and the Nobles County Sheriff's Office will be co-hosting a "Training in Death Investigation" seminar at the Worthington Campus of Minnesota West on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dr. Michael McGee from the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office will be the presenter. Topics to be covered will include stabbing and gunshot wound investigations as well as initial officer response. The training is free. A flyer will be mailed to police departments, sheriff offices and county attorney offices in the Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa area the end of this week. Registration will be limited to 200 (due to the size of the theater). The formally accepted AS Law Enforcement students will be in attendance. This training is similar to the training that took place on the Worthington Campus in the fall of 2005.

Curriculum Change Proposal – ENGL 2276/ENGL 1102

Mark Holden distributed a handout which outlined the current AS Law Enforcement Program curriculum. A request for the Committee to make a recommendation to accept a proposed curriculum change which would add ENGL1102 Composition II as an alternative for the current ENGL 2276 Comp: Technical Writing general education requirement was made. The new curriculum requirement would read ENGL 2276 **OR** ENGL 1102. Discussion regarding the proposed change took place.

Students over the past two years have submitted petitions to have the college accept the ENGL 1102 course as a substitute for the ENGL 2276 requirement. Those petitions have been approved.

Course descriptions of both of the courses were read. There is a difference in the courses.

Both the ENGL 2276 and the ENGL 1102 courses meet the Area 1: Communication MnTC requirement.

AS Law Enforcement students would still be encouraged by their advisor to take the ENGL 2276 course. The ENGL 2276 course has only been offered in an online format the past few semesters, some students are not successful taking courses offered in an online format.

Recommendation was made by those in attendance to approve the proposed curriculum change to accept either ENGL 2276 **OR** ENGL 1102 as a general education requirement in the AS Law Enforcement Program.

Due to low attendance at the meeting, this topic will be e-mailed to advisory members for electronic approval of the recommendation to take place. – ITEM #1

The item was APPROVED via electronic vote.

Additional Curriculum Changes Possible

SOC 2230 Juvenile Delinquency – Remove from General Education Requirement (AS Law Enforcement Degree)

Another request was made by Mark Holden to remove the current SOC 2230 Juvenile Delinquency 3 credit course from the general education requirement area of the AS Law Enforcement Program. Discussion took place:

When Minnesota West reviewed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), the SOC 2230 course was removed from the listing of MnTC courses.

Transferability of the course is in question. How will it now be accepted at other colleges – as an elective or program credit? Most students from Minnesota West transfer to Minnesota State University Mankato (MSU – Mankato). It was requested that Mark Holden contact the staff at MSU – Mankato to find out how the course will be transferred in for law enforcement students who decide to continue on to a four-year degree.

AS degrees currently need to have 30 credits be selected from 6 out of 10 goal areas of the MnTC met and also have 30 credits of core technical program courses included.

New legislation is on the way that states that all AS degrees will need to be reduced from 64 to 60 credits by 2009.

At this time, due to additional information being needed, the Committee was unable to make recommendation for the SOC 2230 Juvenile Delinquency change to take place.

LAWE 2294 Community Leadership - Credit and Requirement Change

Due to a change in the POST Board learning objectives, a revision is necessary to the LAWE 2294 Community Leadership – 1 credit course. A proposal was brought forward for the Committee to make recommendation to approve a change that would move the LAWE 2294 course from the “Recommended Program Coursework” section to the “Program Requirement” section in the AS Law Enforcement curriculum and to change the course from a 1 credit to a 2 credit course in order to be able to cover the new POST objective material. In order to not increase the number of “Program Required” credits, the LAWE 1140 Cyber Crimes – 2 credit course would be moved from the “Program Required” section to the “Recommended Program Coursework” section (2 credit).

Recommendation was made by those in attendance to approve the proposed curriculum change to the LAWE 2294 Community Leadership course.

Due to low attendance at the meeting, this topic will be e-mailed to advisory members for electronic approval of the recommendation to take place. – ITEM #2

The item was APPROVED via electronic vote.

Other

Mark Holden informed the Committee that Rasmussen College is the first POST accredited, online law enforcement program in the state.

Mark Holden informed the Committee that he will be attending a MnSCU meeting regarding the Skills moratorium study on Wednesday, October 10. He will receive a report on the findings of the study at the meeting.

Mark Holden brought forward for discussion a possible disciplinary action situation for a second year AS Law Enforcement student who recently received a misdemeanor speeding violation. After hearing the items presented, the Committee recommended that the student be placed on probation for the remainder of their time in the AS Program and that a letter regarding the probation status be placed in the student's file.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Hoffman
Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant