

**Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minnesota West – Worthington Campus, Room 203  
November 22, 2011**

Present: Kevin Flynn, Mike Cumiskey, Jeff Marquardt, Brian West, Matt Loeslie, Tyler Olson, Mark Holden, Dawn Gordon, Jeff Williamson

**Welcome**

Mark welcomed all members in attendance and asked those new to the Committee to share a brief introduction of themselves. New members include: Matt Loeslie, who works as Minnesota West's Law Enforcement Customized Training Representative and part-time for the Minnesota Police Department; Tyler Olson, who works part-time for the Nobles County Sheriff's Office; and Jeff Markquardt, who is the Martin County Sheriff.

**Program Admission Changes**

Mark shared with the Committee several changes which will be taking place for the Law Enforcement Program's admission process effective for the 2012 program. The goal statement and interview pieces of the program admission process will once again be required for applicants. The federal criminal investigation background check which caused lengthy delays in student acceptance to the program has been removed. Students will now be required to request a copy of their public/private criminal history data and provide the report to the college.

**Curriculum Changes – New AAS Degree Offering**

Minnesota West has received approval from MnSCU (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System) to offer its own clinical skills program through a program modification to the Associate in Science (AS) degree to an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. As a result, Minnesota West will be converting to a 72 credit AAS degree effective fall 2012 (see Law Enforcement AAS curriculum sheet). With permission from Alexandria Technical College, Minnesota West has correlated its AAS curriculum to Alexandria's AAS Law Enforcement curriculum (Minnesota West still needs to develop the individual courses). LAWE 1160 will be one of the only technical courses in the Law Enforcement Program curriculum requirements that will remain. A series of new courses to meet the technical requirements required will be implemented. New courses include: LAWE 1102, LAWE 1111, LAWE 1181, LAWE 2202, LAWE 2224, LAWE 2233, LAWE 2250, LAWE 2260, LAWE 2293, LAWE 2300, LAWE 2310, LAWE 2320, LAWE 2330, and LAWE 2340. The learning objectives for clinical skills will be covered in the AAS coursework. Students will take 18 credits per semester for 4 terms. A summer EVOG course will also be required. Students will need to travel to St. Cloud, MN for the course which has a cost of \$550 per student. Mark shared with the Committee that Minnesota West's Merit Center is in the planning stages to develop a driving course. Mark discussed each course's course outline with the Committee and indicated that a search for qualified course instructors is in process. Minnesota West will now be seeking approval from the MN POST Board for approval as a clinical skills provider.

Discussion:

Brian West inquired how the new AAS program curriculum will address sovereign nation issues. Mark indicated he will review the AAS curriculum to ensure this topic is brought forward and incorporated.

Jeff Williamson asked if the Committee felt the general education requirements outlined in the AAS degree were appropriate (Speech, Composition, Sociology, and Psychology). The Committee felt the courses chosen were appropriate. Transferability of the AAS degree does limit students. Students can be informed that they will need to complete additional general education requirements in order to pursue a 4 year degree.

Hibbing will not be offering skills training for our students after the 2011-2012 academic year.

Current first year AS students will be transitioned in order to facilitate the completion of their degree.

On motion by Kevin Flynn and second by Mike Cumiskey, the Law Enforcement AAS curriculum as presented was approved.

**UPDATE – A couple of modifications for clarification purposes were made to the proposed AAS Law Enforcement curriculum after the advisory meeting. The ENGL 2276 or ENGL 1101 requirement has been updated to remove the OR option. Students must enroll in ENGL 1101 as ENGL 1101 is a prerequisite for the ENGL 2276 course. The Survival Spanish course number designation has been updated to reflect SPAN 1150 (no longer SPAN 1103). Credit length of 72 credits remains the same. Please see included AAS Degree program sheet.**

**Minnesota West's MN POST Board Clinical Skills site visit is scheduled for January 13, 2012.**

### **Other**

Brian West inquired how the mock interview process incorporated into the coursework has gone. Tyler Olson, Committee member and graduate of the AS Law Enforcement Program, spoke to the value the mock interview and completion of a background packet added to the training he received.

In discussion on driving hazards due to multi-tasking, etc., Matt Loeslie indicated the college should consider providing some type of assistance to law enforcement students who have been exposed to the chemical agent. When he went through skills training, he noted students experienced issues and even were in accidents after exposure. He suggested the college ensure rides are in place or provide a place for students to stay during this portion of the training.

### **Skills Application Process**

At this time, Minnesota West's focus is on the AAS degree and the incorporated clinical skills

components. Acceptance of non-Minnesota West students into a stand-alone clinical skills offering may be a possibility for the college in the future.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hoffman