LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minnesota West – Worthington Campus, Room 210
November 13, 2012

Present: Beth Bents, Brian West, Dawn Gordon, Jeff Marquart, Kaylynn Meinders, Mark Holden, Matthew Loeslie, Ronald Schwint, Chad Cummings, Joel Mikle and Tammy Neyens.

Welcome
Mark welcomed all members in attendance and asked those new to the Committee to share a brief introduction of themselves. New members include: Ronald Schwint, who is our new Instructor in Law Enforcement. He is retired from the Sioux Falls Police Department after 27 years of service. He has experience training in the skills area and also works for ASP. Kaylynn Meinders is a second year student in Law Enforcement and will graduate in May. Her current duty this year is the Law Enforcement Club President. Tammy Neyens has worked for Minnesota West for 8 ½ years in Student Services area and has just taken over the Law Enforcement administrative duties in March. Chad Cummings is our Community Representative. He serves on several boards and committees in the area and is co-owner of the local radio stations.

Thank you
Kevin Flynn had requested to leave the Advisory Committee. Mark sent Kevin a letter thanking him for his service to the Advisory Committee.

Curriculum Changes – Handbook
The new handbook is out for FY13. Mark asked the committee to turn to pages 5 and 6 of the current handbook. He pointed out that currently our students are required to take PSYC 1101, Introduction to Psychology in the fall of their first year. Mark proposed that we replace that course with SOC 1102, Social Problems to more effectively meet the students' needs. Kaylynn commented that she did take that course on line during the summer and she liked the course. Mark stated that he is currently working with Dr. Jay Vargas to have the course given in a classroom (face to face) format and also ITV. Beth asked if the college would waive the pre-requisite class in order to take Social Problems. Mark said that course no longer requires a pre-requisite. Mark also stated that if a student would choose to attend a 4 year college after graduation they may still be

required to take Introduction to Sociology. Dr. Vargas addressed the group with information about the class and also informed them that he and Mark co-teach LAWE 2293, Diversity-Community Policing-Victimization. Mark teaches the Community Policing with Dr. Vargas picking up the Diversity and Victimization. So, Joel Mikle made a motion to require SOC 1102, Social Problems in the first semester, first year of Law Enforcement. Chad Cummings second the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Currently our students go to St. Cloud to participate in the EVOC for the skills portion of their training. Currently the cost for this two day service is $575.00. The city of Marshall voted in on putting in a new driving track so that we may collaborate with them on EVOC. We are also currently looking at a driving simulator for the program.

Post Grads
Mark reported the 99% of our previous graduates pass the Post Boards Test on the first try. 100 % passed on the second try of the Post Boards.

AAS Program Update
Currently we are getting applications for the spring start in Law Enforcement and quite a few for the fall start. We are receiving more transfers from Alex Tech at this time. We have done well setting up the skills portion of the program with the gun simulator (Milo). Milo contains 506 different cynerios, with our faculty and students creating a couple last summer. The Carreer Expo was very beneficial when the high school students could watch and participate with Milo. It peaked some interest in the Law Enforcement Program.

Updates
The Law Enforcement Program is currently working with the Culture Corner to educate the new immigrants on what to do if a police officer would stop you? What would you do if you received a ticket? Hopefully this will eliviate any fears that someone might have with our law enforcement in this country.

We will also be setting up mock interviews for the first or second week of December.

Firearms Simulator
The committee went to room 408 in the Fine Arts Building to see and actually try out MILO.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Tammy Neyens