

**Minnesota West Community & Technical College  
Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 26, 2013**

**Attendance**

Members – Dustin Roemeling, John Ebner, Joel Mikle, Kayla Jurgenson, Mike Cuminsky, Tyler Olson.

Faculty – Mark Holden, Ron Schwint

Staff – Beth Bents, Tammy Neyens

Student – Luis Martinez

**Minutes**

The 2013 Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. The meeting welcome and call to order was done by Mark Holden. After introductions of new members, Mr. Holden called for a review and approval of the 2012 minutes. Mike Cuminsky motioned that the minutes be approved, John Ebner seconded, the motion was carried.

The Board Members had pictures of the new Challenge Course. Information about the Course was given by Ron Schwint. Mr. Holden reported that ProShed donated a shed for the course and Diamond Vogel donated paint.

There was discussion of the upcoming curriculum changes from the state. The MN state legislature passed legislation regarding that all AAS degree programs should be a maximum of 60 credits unless a program can obtain an approved waiver for more credits. MN West law enforcement program currently is 72 credits. A comparison of the other four colleges who offer the law enforcement AAS degrees took place. The committee reviewed the current courses offered by MN West and felt that they were all necessary in order to meet all of required MN POST Board Learning Objectives. The board discussed, if any credits or materials were removed from what's currently being taught it would place a hardship on law enforcement rural agencies and those departments who do not have a Field Training Programs will end up with officers who may not be as prepared to respond and accurately handle all calls for service. A motion was made that Mr. Holden prepare a waiver on behalf of Minnesota West to keep the current AAS degree at 72 credits. This motion was made by Mike Cuminsky, and was seconded by Joel Mikle; the motion was passed.

Discussion to accept either SPCH 1101 Speech or SPCH 1103 Interpersonal Communication and to accept PSYC 1101 Intro to Psychology or PSYC 2230 Behavior Modification for all LE degrees. The motion was made to accept these proposals by Dustin Roemeling; second by Joel Mikle and motion was passed.

Mr. Holden had a discussion about the students being required to wear black athletic shoes with black laces for the fitness uniform. It seems that the shoes have come in numerous and different bright colors. Also, there needs to be a timeline set for justification of wearing their workout clothing to class. It was discussed that if a student has a 20 minute break between the fitness workout and class, then they should be required to shower and wear their uniform to class. It was motioned by Tyler Olson to put both of these items into the student handbook, seconded by Mike Cuminskey, motion passed.

**Discussion on the following topics, no motions or recommended actions, except where noted;**

- Ron Schwint requested help with the mock interviews. He asked that people sign up if they could help.
- It is estimated that there will be between 1700 – 2000 openings for new officers by July of this year in the State of Minnesota.
- 100% of our graduates passed their post board tests. One graduate is employed in Sioux Falls, one in Lakefield, one in Tracy and one here at our local jail.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Tammy Neyens