

**ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**  
**Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Allstate Center, CR #228**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees: Chief Dorene Thomas (Pinellas Park PD), Dale Konig (Pinellas Park HS)**

**SPC Attendees: Charles Crowther, Dee Mortellaro, Angel Bates, Ken Afienko, Brian Frank, Anna Goree, Kevin Thomas, Christine Pribyl**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Introduction &amp; Pledge</b>	Those present introduced themselves after the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>Expansion of Student Services</b>	The campus library will be staffed Monday-Thursday by faculty, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. It is hoped that library hours will be expanded by Library Services. In addition, tutors will be available in the future to provide services for a wide variety of students. Tutors are being recruited from Downtown and Mid-Town campuses.	
<b>College of Public Safety Enrollment</b>	Enrollment for Spring 2015 is currently 1277, compared to 1297 for Spring 2014. There are still four weeks remaining in open enrollment. For upper division, 83 students were admitted into the program, and 53 are enrolled for the current term.	
<b>Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>	<p>In Fire Science, the DOE has eliminated all certificate programs within the AS degree. Under new guidelines, only one certificate can remain. This certificate will be renamed based on Fire College requirements, but be comprised of current Fire Office I courses. The courses offered for other State Certificates will remain available for students to take toward their State certifications.</p> <p>For Emergency Management, the DOE has also eliminated college certificates, but the AS degree will remain. There are no industry certificates available for Emergency Management, and few jobs are available except for some at entry level.</p> <p>It was explained the DOE looks at industry certifications, not college certificates.</p>	<p>Staff will work with Curriculum to input necessary information into the CurricUNET System at SPC to reflect these changes. Marketing will also reword the website to reflect “concentrations” in areas formerly labelled “certificates.”</p> <p>Staff will work with Curriculum to remove Student Group requirements for Emergency Management classes. These act as a barrier to enrollment.</p>
<b>Digital Forensics/Crime Scene</b>	<p>Digital Forensics classes are under review to ensure the forensic Learning Outcomes align with the State’s Learning Outcomes.</p> <p>Crime Scene program enrollment is excellent and most classes are full. Crime Scene Safety, originally scheduled for summer as tentative, will be offered due to the increased enrollment.</p>	Staff is working with Curriculum to remove Student Group requirements for both programs. Currently the Student Groups create barriers to enrollment.
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	DOE removed the Homeland Security subplan from the AS degree. The only subplans now available are Law Enforcement, Corrections (both after students complete their respective academies) and Cross-Discipline.	

	CJ Internship – Dee Mortellaro has assisted in revamping the internship class as follows: 1 cr hour devoted to paperwork and background information for the program, 1 cr hour for the professional piece (resume building, academic plan, etc.), and 1 cr hour for the actual internship hours at St. Pete Police Dept.	
	Brian Frank announced SPC will be working with St. Pete PD and Lakewood High School regarding possible summer programming for LWHS students as part of the outreach to minority students who may be interested in a law enforcement career. It had been publicly announced this initiative would be part of SPC's Dual Enrollment program, but that information is not correct.	Staff will work with SPPD regarding this initiative.
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>All online courses will be “revitalized”/upgraded as to how they are presented. This project will encompass several years.</p> <p>EMS, Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II may be combined so the entire body of coursework would be financial aid eligible.</p> <p>Dale Konig announced PPHS offers a combined CJ/First Responder exploratory class which all students can take which will expose them to various public safety careers. Students are also taking a FEMA class Social Media in Emergency Management. The high school is also holding their annual mass casualty drill, which is open to others for observation. This will be held May 20, and SPC's EMS program participates.</p>	<p>Faculty are working on the revitalization of courses.</p> <p>Charles Crowther and Jim Angle are working on the EMS/FFI/FFII project.</p>
<b>Fall Advisory Committee Appreciation Event</b>	The Fall event is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015. The event will be held at the Seminole Campus. There is a choice of breakfast (9 a.m.) or dinner (6 p.m.)	Those present voted on attending the Breakfast session only (no breakout session needed)
<b>Committee Membership</b>	<p>Chairperson Dorene Thomas is retiring from Pinellas Park Police Dept effective April 24, and she will also be stepping down as committee chair. Membership on the committee has declined with the retirement of two members plus a third member on medical leave.</p> <p>It was decided election of a new Chairperson would not take place at the present time, but wait until the Fall meeting when new members would possibly be in place.</p>	Staff will check with leaders in the law enforcement and fire community about membership. Chief Thomas will also approach staff at her department regarding the same.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Date established.	Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015