ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE College of Public Safety Advisory Committee February 16, 2010

Attendees: Dorene Thomas, James Angle, Sally Bishop, Lisa Wentz, Brian Frank (SPC)

Excused: David Romine, Billie Shumway, James Wimberley, Julie Adams, Ken Afienko, Mark Teunis, Terry Schenk

Guest: Amy Brush (SPC), Gary Graham (SPC), Dijuan Fox (SPC) Kathy Browers (PCSB), Jim Silbert (FDLE), Jay Stout, Charles Crowther (SPC), Carol Rasor-Cordero (SPC), Anna Goree (SPC), Christine Pribyl (SPC)

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| Introductions (Dorene Thomas, chair) | Welcomed guests Jay Stout (retired Safety Harbor Fire Dept), Kathy Browers (Pinellas Park H.S. First Responder program), Jim Silbert (representing FDLE in Billie Shumway's absence), Gary Graham (SPC Academic & Student Affairs). | Jay Stout and Kathy Browers will be asked to join the Advisory Committee for next FY |
| Updates: Enrollment and COPS Camp | Total productivity for the campus is over 100%. Upper division has grown the most significantly. Total enrollment has increased 57% from Feb. 16, 2009. COPS Camp – will only run 2 weeks this summer, pending hiring of a new teacher. | Fall term – will offer a face to face Intro to CJ class in the afternoon followed by an Applied Ethics in Public Safety class |
| Program Updates/Dept Changes | Articulation with Fire College is complete, and a preliminary report has been sent to FESCHE regarding compliance. It is currently being reviewed. Articulation agreement for Law Enforcement/Corrections Officer Training has been submitted. When approved it will allow college credits to be applied to the student records of academy graduates between 1993-present from 40 Florida training centers. Credits will be applied upon application for graduation, and can be verified through ATMS. | Central Records will let staff know when final approval is granted. |
| | Tentative Approval of future positions: A Technology Support person will assist in maintaining our approx 115 online courses. Have received approval for a full- time instructor for the lower division EAM program. New marketing initiatives will include 'grass roots' info sessions at local agencies to recruit LE officers into the program. Also, custom textbooks are being formulated by Pearson Publishing for use in 4 of the 5 major Criminal Justice program classes. | Goal: to have TS person on board soon and EAM by fall term.Mike Hughes (who is starting in March) will lead the grass roots initiative. Goal for textbooks is Fall term. |
| New Initiatives | Tech Crimes Institute – work with agency and software companies which monitor internet traffic. This technology is used by LE in computer related crime, tracking pedophiles, etc. There is no formalized training for this software at this time. Leadership Seminar – this 6 month program was offered last year with 2 students who did research projects for their agencies. The feedback from the | Staff will be meeting with the parties involved to investigate the feasibility of offering software training for agencies, tying in our IT and CRCI programs. |

| | participants and their agency was very positive. There is a possibility of doing this seminar in house at Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office. | Staff will follow up with HCSO. |
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| Program Challenges | Budgeting for 2010-11 will begin shortly. Although there may not be any increases, there has been no indication of any significant cuts. The current interim SPC president, Dr. Furlong, has assumed an easy transition with no changes. | None taken |
| Misc/Open Discussion | • Brian Frank noted that this campus has been granted more than \$20,000 in excess Perkins funding. Of that, the IT program (hardware), Fire Science (training materials) and Crime Scene (cameras) received \$13,862. The Fire Training Academy also received | Staff thanked Amy Brush for her assistance in these endeavors. |
| | materials and supplies. Sally Bishop, Pinellas County Emergency Management, noted that they have used our students as volunteers and will continue to do so especially in light of budget cuts. It is hoped that paid internships will become available in the future. In addition, changes to minimum employment requirements have made more entry level positions available. | Brian Frank asked Sally Bishop to provide fliers or brochures regarding volunteer/internship opportunities that can be sent to students in our classes. |
| | • SPC has Co-Op classes but not in Public Safety. Such a class could be used as an internship. | Staff will investigate the model for a PS co-op class. |
| | Discussed getting SPC students more involved with First Responder & CJ students at Pinellas Park H.S. The State Fire College has proposed a change in testing, but it may not change for a year. There will also be a change in several textbooks. | Staff suggested hosting a competition for PPHS students. |
| | • Amy Brush asked for volunteers to speak during SPC's Career Choices Summer Camps for 9 th and 10 th graders. | |
| Next Meeting | Date will fall between May 24-27, or June 2 – June 11. | Staff will email members as to their availability. |