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## School of Business and Technology

*Public Safety Programs' Advisory Board Meeting*

March 22, 2017

***In Attendance:***

Dr. Richard Worch	Florida SouthWestern State College
Capt. John Long	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Capt. Paul Cummins	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Bernardine Carter	Lee County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Jason Fields	Fort Myers Police Department
Chief Bill Dalton	Sanibel Police Department
Chief Robert Demann	Glades County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Reginald Mitchell	Florida SouthWestern State College
Special Agent Shane Pollard	Florida Dept. Law Enforcement
Deputy Chief Lisa Barnes	Cape Coral Police Department
Forensic Tech. Jaclyn Fordham	Cape Coral Police Department
Capt. John Westlake	Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
Lt. David Barrett	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Capt. Jason Ciaschini	Punta Gorda Police Department
Capt. John Barkley	Naples Police Department
Darlyn Estes - H.R. Director	Collier County Sheriff's Office
Capt. Mark Baker	Collier County Sheriff's Office
Todd Everly – Director	Southwest Florida Public Service Academy
Capt. David Baer	Marco Island Police Department

## **Items Discussed:**

- Introduction:*** Dr. Worch welcomed the representative(s) of the multiple law enforcement departments from the different Florida counties.
- Board history:*** During the past few years the Public Safety Programs conducted their Advisory Board Meetings with the entire FSW School of Business and Technology (SoBT) programs. However, before those joint meetings the Public Safety Programs' held their own independent meeting that focused on their course requirements. The Dean of SoBT, Dr. John Meyer, has permitted the Public Safety Programs to now conduct an independent advisory board to enhance the programs' specific curriculum needs.
- Degree Programs*** Florida SouthWestern State College's School of Business & Technology degree programs were discussed including FSW's AS in Crime Scene Technology, AS in Criminal Justice Technology, Bachelors' in Public Safety Administration, as well as Bachelors' in Supervision and Management and how the degrees may relate to the officers in their respective departments.
- Tuition Reimbursement:*** Florida SouthWestern State College offers a lower per credit hour cost than many other options within the region, reducing the individual departments' potential monetary impact for costs related to employee tuition reimbursement benefits.
- Specific FSW course details:*** *PAD 4878 Public Safety Administration Capstone*  
Attention was given to the mandatory Capstone required course for the Bachelors' in Public Safety Administration and the importance this board's input will have in developing the course curriculum materials
- Students are required to address case studies and break down the issues, research data, and qualitative analyze their hypothesis.
- Open Source:*** FSW has placed a preference on developing course materials that would eliminate student required purchased textbooks. Currently the Public Safety Programs at FSW already have 7 courses adopting this open source policy.
- Board's Purpose:*** This initial advisory board meeting is to establish a biannual meeting to start this Fall 2017 semester. The incorporation of

practical problems from current law enforcement issues to enhance course requirements and develop applicable case studies into Florida SouthWestern State College Public Safety Programs' academic courses that will enhance the students' knowledge.

***Programs Letter:***

Dr. Worch read a letter from Dr. Meyer on behalf of FSW which is directed to area law enforcement personnel for the purpose informing those individuals about the FSW degrees relevant to their careers or fellow officers. Highlighting the potential degree path from Associates to Bachelors to Masters in the Florida College System. A general request was made to all law enforcement department representatives in the meeting request to your chief's permission for this letter to be distributed to their officers.

***Chairperson Elected:***

The floor was opened for nominations of the Advisory Board Chairperson; Capt. John Barkley was nominated and seconded by Capt. David Baer. No other individual names were nominated and Capt. John Barkley was selected as the new chairman.

***Future meetings:***

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date during the Fall 2017 academic year

- The Advisory Board will be meeting biannually
- The next meeting to be developed for the Fall 2017 academic year
- Current individuals in attendance will be contacted, as well as their departments' representative(s), for the next meeting
- Please forward requests for meeting attendance to your department chiefs should anyone withdraw from the board
- With the 2017-18 academic year already established, suggested meeting topics will aid in the development of the 2018-19 academic year curriculum

***Questions:***

*Does the student have to come to campus?*

Dr. Worch: All courses are offered online for the Associate in Science (AS) in Criminal Justice Technology program.

*How writing intensive are the courses?*

Dr. Worch: The Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Administration courses are writing intensive. Students typically will be required to develop hypotheses, research, and then summarize materials relevant to

each course. Final papers are typically required for many courses and may demand 10± pages of writing. A greater focus is on the research of topics relevant to the law enforcement field.

The Associate in Science (AS) in Criminal Justice Technology degree courses are approximately half the writing intensity of the bachelor's degree. The concentration of the AS courses are directed at a student's critical thinking ability in field situation(s).

*What has been FSW's Public Safety Programs enrollment?*

Dr. Worch: Currently the AS programs have around 149 students, down from 200± students in 2010. Similarly, the Bachelor's degree has approximately 86 students, which is down from 118± in 2010. The establishment of regionally located private colleges has aided in decreasing the programs enrollment number

***Copy of Letter:***

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Sincerely,



Dr. John D. Meyer  
Dean, School of Business and Technology

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