**Florida SouthWestern State College
School of Business and Technology
Criminal Justice/Public Safety Advisory Board
(February 19th 2025)
MINUTES**

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|  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| **Administration** |  |  |  |
| Dr. Mary Myers, Dean | X |  |  |
| Jennifer Baker | X |  |  |
| Mary Fullenkamp | X |  |  |
| Kimberly Egolf | X |  |  |
| **Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Dr. Brian O’Reilly | X |  |  |
| Dr. Richard Worch | X |  |  |
| Krissy Cabral | X |  |  |
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| **Advisory Board Members** |  |  |  |
| Patrick Harris | X |  |  |
| Carlos Najarro | X |  |  |
| Bryan McGinn | X |  |  |
| Robert Montagano | X |  |  |
| Rosemarie Mitchell | X |  |  |
| Amanda Ballard |  | X |  |
| Alicia McClure |  | X |  |
| Jerry Connolly |  | X |  |
| Glen Ritta |  | X |  |
| Marty Meddaugh |   | X |  |

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|  | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| **Advisory Board Members cont.** |  |  |  |
| Justin Altman |  | X |  |
| Dana Coston |  | X |  |
| Kasey Buckner Brager |  |  | X |
| Captain Griffith |   | X |  |
| Laura Marchena |  | X |  |
| Cindy West |  | X |  |
| Matt Casola |  | X |  |
| William Dalton |  | X |  |
| Kristina Bradley Richard |  | X |  |
| Todd Everly |  | X |  |
| Pam Seay |  |  | X |
| Owen Trulock |  | X |  |
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**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM.

**Minutes.** Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

**New Business.**

**Introductions**

* Robert Montague notes that Bryan McGinn has joined him today because he works with training and is interested in recruitment opportunities.

**BAS Programs**

* Dean Mary Myers highlights that all of SoBT’s BAS programs have seen positive growth recently.
	+ She expects an increase in enrollment.

**Internship Showcase**

* Dr. Richard Worch notes successful attendance & engagement.

**Upcoming Events**

* Associate Dean Jennifer Baker notes a slight decrease in Crime Scene enrollment. This is not of concern—the program has seemed to ebb & flow since Covid and Hurricane Ian.
* Associate Dean Baker highlights an increase in Criminal Justice for the first time in a while
	+ She associates this with the new LEO training credits articulation.
* She also notes an increase in Public Safety Administration likely due to advising efforts and the refreshed curriculum.

**Program Review**

* Dr. Brian O’Reilly notes steady, positive improvements across the programs.
	+ He notes that higher education in this field is gaining importance as agencies now have the capacity to be pickier with their candidate selection.
* Crime Scene enrollment was steady while success saw an increase.
* Criminal Justice enrollment and success saw increases.
* Public Safety Administration enrollment and success saw increases.
* Dr. O’Reilly highlights that the programs’ general completion rate of under 3 years is impressive. He notes than many of these students are employed post-graduation.
* Dr. O’Reilly applauds his faculty and reminds board members that completion/success is also reliant on the students’ efforts.

**Course Requirements**

* Dean Mary Myers displays the course requirements in each program – she poses the questions of what could be added to better equip students for the current state of the workforce.
	+ Dr. Worch encourages the board to acknowledge course objectives as well – Dr. Myers agrees and suggests taking a more thorough look at the Fall meeting.
	+ Dr. Myers suggests incorporating bodycams into the curriculum
	+ Bryan McGinn states that FARO experience for death investigation would be relatable to the field.
		- Professor Krissy Cabral states that students get hands-on experience with field-related tech such as FARO machines.
* Dr. Myers reminds the board that LEOs have the opportunity to take just 1 class at FSW – this could be for job-related experience or personal interest.
* Dr. Myers introduces the newly acquired SimSpace cybersecurity sim lab – she notes that this resource will be made available to the public.
	+ There is potential for agency’s IT departments to train in this lab.
* Professor Krissy Cabral inquires about job shadow programs/opportunities in Crime Scene labs.
* Patrick Harris inquires about familial DNA testing as well as car, phone, etc. investigations.
	+ Professor Krissy Cabral states that’s these are all covered.

* Dean Mary Myers notes that a majority of the Criminal Justice course requirements are eligible to be transferred in via the LEO training articulation.
* Robert Montagano touches on teaching officers how to self-direct on the job; he notes the importance of avoiding underperforming/lazy officers.
	+ He has a goal of creating/upholding a work climate of progress, learning, and making a difference/change.
* Dr. Worch suggests providing the course CLOs for review in a future meeting.

**Discussion**

* Robert Montagano highlights the importance of values and interpersonal skills in the field.
* Dr. Brian O’Reilly notes that this need is also dependent on individual agency’s priorities.
* Dr. Richard Worch encourages the making of a separate Public Safety Administration Advisory Board.
* Dean Mary Myers states the importance of hands-on experience and urges board members to reach out with any opportunities for job shadowing.
	+ She notes that SoBT is currently working on the opportunity to expand an apprenticeship program across departments.
* Robert Montagano highlights the need for dispatchers across local agencies.
	+ He states that this is a great entry point into the field.
	+ Dean Mary Myers suggests getting in contact with Carrie Bohling in the FSW Career Center.
* Dean Mary Myers announces that a Zoom option will be available for future meetings in order to encourage attendance.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Mary Fullenkamp, Coordinator