

**PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2014**

Attendees: Barbara Cipriano, Paul Friedman, Lee Streicher, Jo Shapins, Jamie Smith, Geoff Cooper, Larry Schroeder, Everette Vaughn, Mark Jones, Marty Deloach.

ITEM #1 – FINALIZE DRAFT OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY DEFINITION AND POLICY

The draft that was sent to all the members prior to our meeting was discussed and all members agreed that this draft, minus consequences, would be submitted.

ITEM #2 – AWARDING OF CREDITS FOR COMPLETION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Dr. Friedman discussed the proposed changes regarding the awarding of college credits for attending the law enforcement academy. It was explained that the proposal is that beginning the Fall 2015 term those completing the law enforcement academy will receive 15 college credits. In addition, the program will be reduced from 64 credits to 60 credits.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

ITEM #3 – DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENT MISCONDUCT

The group discussed the concept of having a public safety wide process for dealing with student misconduct. All public safety students should be held to a higher ethical and moral standard and thus require a stricter code of conduct than the rest of the college. The problem is that the current process being followed by the Fire and EMS programs makes it difficult to maintain a higher standard because they must follow the standard college appeal process. This is not a matter of limiting due process, it is a matter of understanding the professionalism require of public safety professionals.

We agreed to set up a meeting with Dean Mclssac, Vann Williams, Barbara Cipriano, Dean Rogers, Paul Friedman and the three program directors to start these discussions.

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNICAL WRITING

Dr. Friedman proposed the development of a public safety technical writing course/lab that would benefit all PS disciplines. All in attendance agree that weak writing skills is a problem every program faces.

The discussion included the length of the course, would it be a short workshop that could be used as a pre-requisite or something longer.

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Dr. Streicher said he taught a class in this area previously and offered to send everyone a list of the table of contents from the text book he used so we could evaluate what we could use in our course development.

ITEM #5 – NEW CHAIRPERSON

Director Everette Vaughn was selected as the new chairperson for the Public Safety Cluster Group.

End of report.