SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting  
September 30, 2011

**Attendees:** John Donovan, Dennis Halverson, Bill Nash, Nancy Oesch, Doreen Olko, Mike Oltersdorf, Bob Parsons, Gene Pawlik, Shawn Rowley, Traci Ruiz, Paul Sparks, Mike Thompson  

**Additional Attendees:** Beth Aselage, Jeremy Barnum, Candy Curtis, Tim Homberg, Mahesh Nalla, Pedro Valdez, Mary Lee VanderMoere, Bill Wilson  

**Absent:** Steven Brett, Marlon Lynch, John Toney  

**Meeting called to order** by President Mike Thompson at 1:06 p.m.

**Roundtable Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Halverson: Moved, Donovan seconded to approve the April minutes with the correction that Nancy Oesch did attend. **Motion Carried**

**Financial Report:**

Thompson: Questioned why money was transferred from the account for Wall of Fame activities.  

Curtis: Responded that the Alumni account didn’t have enough money to pay for invitations and a program book so the School covered those expenses.  

Pawlik: Moved and Sparks seconded to approve the Financial Report as distributed. **Motion Carried.**

**Student Organizations:**

Thompson: Welcomed representatives of SCJ Student Organizations and Tim Homberg, SCJ Career and Internship Coordinator and Advisor to Alpha Phi Sigma.

**National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice**  
*Pedro Valdez, Vice President*

Valdez: Reported on the recent activities of the Association. He let the Board know they could be of assistance if they could encourage agencies to communicate with them. They are interested in doing more volunteer work.  

Oesch: Recommended volunteering at the Ingham county jail and the United States Bureau of Prisons.

**American Criminal Justice Association,**  
*Beth Aselage, President*

Aselage: Reported that ACJA has set up a Red Cross drive with other student groups. This year, instead of going to the National meeting they will be hosting their own competition here. ACJA is looking for access to Alumni as a resource or mentors. She also reported that the
alumni participation in the annual Career Fair lets students know there is more than just a law enforcement careers available to them.

**Alpha Phi Sigma**

*Jeremy Barnum, Vice President*

Barnum: Alpha Phi is working on boosting their membership and has started their own Facebook page. Their group is doing a lot more volunteer work especially with the Lansing Food Bank. Some of their activities include a visit to the new shooting range and they also bring speakers to meetings. They are working more in collaboration with other student groups so they don’t compete for membership. Jobs and internships are their prime concern and any assistance the Board can give them with those would be appreciated.

Ruiz: Asked VanderMoere for the contact information for these student reps to see about a joint effort with the SCJ student organizations and Ingham County TRIAD (law enforcement, senior citizen, and the community.)

**Director’s Report:**

*Mahesh Nalla, Interim Director*

Nalla: Shared some of his background as way of introduction to the Board. He is starting his 19th year at MSU SCJ. He has been directing the Graduate Program and about 4 weeks ago took on the additional responsibility as “Interim” Director.

The School has most recently graduated 164 undergraduate students, 27 masters, and 3 PhD students. The School’s current enrollment is about 800 undergraduates, 200 masters (on and off-campus) and 30 doctoral students. The School has 26 fulltime faculty members. A new area for the School is anti-counterfeiting. CJ has launched a new Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program (A-CAPPP) with a major grant initiative which is headed by Jeremy Wilson. Their industry advisory board includes representatives from: Johnson & Johnson, GM and Qualcomm. This is one of the School’s signature programs. This past September the School Outreach unit, through a contract with the U.S. Air Force, successfully delivered two Life Long Learning sections of CJ 485, Critical Issues in Private Security. Fifty Air Force Security Forces crime prevention managers, members of various National Guard units and Department of Defense consultants travelled to East Lansing from around the world for two weeks of intense studying. Given the budgetary constraints that we are working under, we are very productive and engaged.

Sparks: Commented he thought we could do more of those types of things if we advertised in law enforcement publications.

**SCJ Alumni Association Update:**

*Candy Curtis*

Curtis: Reported that evening’s induction ceremony would be honoring seven new inductees. The largest group thus far will be in attendance. She thanked members for their help in seeking out sponsorship of this event from law enforcement vendors. They will be doing more “Spartan Sagas” with the new inductees, and the keynote is a CJ senior. **Next year’s Wall of Fame induction ceremony will be Friday, October 5, 2112.**

E-News: We are going to experiment with doing it in-house, starting with the upcoming newsletter. A current employee will absorb the E-news responsibilities into their current job.
President's Report:
Mike Thompson

CJ Memorial:

Thompson: Asked Bill Nash for a report on the Memorial.

Nash: We have received $7,250 in pledges from members of the board; 11 board members have signed up to pledge. More are needed to contribute.

Police Academy

Thompson: Reported that an MSU CJ academy was a possibility as a partnership with LCC or MSP and it could be done within a year. Thompson appointed a subcommittee of Ruiz, Nash and Parsons to advise the Director and the School on the formulation of the academy.

Sparks: Moved and was seconded by Oltersdorf to go forward with a subcommittee to work with the Director and faculty on an academy on a partnership basis with another institution. Motion Carried.

Thompson: reported on the Air Force Crime Prevention program recently conducted under a grant.

Election


Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

The next Board meeting will be April 28, 2012

Meeting Adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee VanderMoere
Recording Secretary