SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Alumni association board of Directors

April 28, 2012

Attending: Steve Brett, John Donovan, Dennis Halverson, Thomas Hendrickson, Marlon Lynch, Bill Nash, Nancy Oesch, Mike Oltersdorf, Bob Parsons, Gene Pawlik, Paul Sparks, Mike Thompson, John Toney

Additional Attendees: Candy Curtis, Olivia Ghislain, Tim Homberg, Kenny Thomas, Mary Lee VanderMoere, Bill Wilson

Meeting Called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Mike Thompson.

Roundtable Introductions

New Business:

Thompson: Reported that Doreen Olko had resigned from her Board position due to additional responsibilities in her job. She would no longer be able to commit her time and involvement in Board activities. President Thompson recommended Tom Hendrickson to fill her term expiring December 2012.

Sparks: Asked Hendrickson about his interest in serving on the Board.

Hendrickson: Replied that he has recently retired and has the time and desire to assist the school and its students.

Thompson: Nominated Hendrickson as a replacement for Olko on the board. Sparks moved to accept the nomination and Oltersdorf seconded. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Oesch: Moved to approve September 30, 2011 minutes as distributed. Pawlik seconded. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

Oltersdorf: Moved and Donovan seconded to approve the Financial Report as distributed. Motion Carried.

Pawlik: Inquired about the number of people who are checking CJ when they renew their membership.

Curtis: Replied that it’s down, across the board. MSUAA is working very hard on a membership campaign to help correct this.
Student Organizations:
Tim Homberg, SCJ Career Development Coordinator
Olivia Ghislain, Secretary, Alpha Phi Sigma
Kenny Thomas, Vice President, American Criminal Justice Association

Ghislain: Alpha Phi has increased their enrollment to about 60 people, and has had several speakers to their meetings. They are also working on ways to provide volunteer opportunities for their members.

Thomas: Reported that a majority of their members are interested in federal law enforcement and corporate/private security. The past year was their biggest growing year and their membership is about 50 now. Some activities included a trip to a gun range and a prison. Guest speakers included a FBI sketch artist, and a CJ faculty member.

Homberg: Distributed an update from the National Association of Blacks in CJ as no representative was able to attend the meeting.

Toney: Inquired as to the types of careers their memberships were looking for.

Ghislain: Responded that most want federal careers, particularly with FBI.

Thomas: Reported that typically members are interested in federal careers, corporate/private security, and then local law enforcement.

Sparks: Commented that students were not going to leave college and walk into a federal position, the competition is too fierce. He then asked if students are finding jobs.

Homberg: Replied that the College just did a survey and about 81% are employed after they graduate.

Lynch: Encouraged the students to also look at their campus police as an opportunity.

Oesch: Added that students should look into corrections. A parole officer is a cross between a counselor and a law enforcement official.

Thompson: Encouraged Board members to participate in the Career Fair and perhaps do mock interviews. He then encouraged students to really network at the Career Fair.

Brett: Encouraged students to do an internship, especially with the department of Corrections. They are more likely to hire from their pool of interns than any other.

Tournament of Friendship Scholarship Fundraiser:

Homberg: Reported that this was the 30th year for the Tournament of Friendship golf outing scholarship fundraiser. He distributed flyers asking for support.
Memorial Update:

Thompson: Reported that Nash, McGarrell and Curtis met with the Dean last December. When he left that meeting he felt that they would now be moved up to a discussion with the Provost.

Curtis: The Dean’s office says we have to come up with 80% of the funding and then MSUAA will work on a campaign and marketing plan to raise more money.

Nash: Expressed concern about raising money and then it doesn’t get approved by the university.

Sparks: Wondered if this was realistic project or were they spinning their wheels?

Thompson: Responded that he is willing to take one more step. He wants to submit bio’s and photographs to Scott Westerman to develop a marketing plan to raise the money.

Toney: Suggested that a personal visit by a board member to a family would be the preferred way of notification versus a letter or cold call.

Pawlik: Expressed concern about giving families hope about a project that might not develop. He also encouraged sensitivity in using names.

After discussion the consensus reached by the Board was to have Curtis contact Westerman and request specifics about developing a marketing plan before we contact families about using their family member’s name on the memorial. Specifically, how do we go about doing that?

President’s Report
Mike Thompson

Academy

Thompson: Director McGarrell will be back in the fall. Colonel Kriste Etue, MSP Director is recommending an 18 week academy through MCOLES for the State of Michigan. The Department would then recruit who they wanted from this pool and with two more weeks of training they would be a trooper.

Toney: expressed concern that the School doesn’t seem to take a leadership role in pursuing/developing this opportunity for accreditation upon completion (or getting credit for taking the academy).

Parsons: Shared a brief history on how an academy was developed at Ferris State.

Thompson: Colonel Etue will call President Simon or someone here to make this move if we ask them. Thompson recommends waiting until the Director comes back and we express the urgency about this.
CJ Alumni Association Update
Candy Curtis

Curtis: The next Board meeting will be October 5 followed by the Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Nominations for this year are open until June 30. Curtis encouraged members to consider nominating someone.

She also reminded members to send class notes or suggestions for the Alumni E-News to her.

Meeting Adjourned: at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee VanderMoore
Recording Secretary