SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting  
October 5, 2012

Attendees: Steven Brett, John Donovan, Tom Hendrickson, Marlon Lynch, Bill Nash, Nancy Oesch, Mike Oltersdorf, Bob Parsons, Shawn Rowley, Traci Ruiz, Paul Sparks, Mike Thompson

Additional Attendees: Pamela Brown, Candy Curtis, Peter Cichowksi, Spencer Danehy, Tim Homberg, Mary Lee VanderMoere, Bill Wilson

Absent: Gene Pawlik

Meeting called to order: at 1:00 pm by President Mike Thompson

Roundtable: Introductions by attendees.

Approval of Minutes: Oltersdorf moved and Oesch seconded to approve April 28 minutes as distributed. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

Curtis: Reported that to save money there have been some changes made: 1) she’s doing the E-newsletter, and 2) they are using a different vendor for invitations and programs.

Thompson: MSUAA has guaranteed our students two years free membership.

Sparks: Explained why it’s important for the students to join the MSUAA upon graduation and choose the “School of Criminal Justice” as a constituent group.

Lynch: Moved and Sparks seconded to approve financial report as distributed. Motion Carried.

Student Organizations:
Tim Homberg, SCJ Career Development & Internship Coordinator
Spencer Danehy, President ACJA
Peter Cichowksi, President Alpha Phi Sigma
Pamela Brown, National Association of Blacks in CJ

Homberg: Reported that the next Career Fair is February 5, 2013 in Big 10 A, B, C, at the Kellogg Center. He invited members to attend. The School funds the Fair with some financial assistance from Alpha Phi Sigma. Oesch volunteered to help with Mock interviews either at the Fair or another time.

Thompson: Reminded the Board about the significance of internships for SCJ students.

Sparks: Made a motion to recognize Dr. Chris Smith as an outstanding faculty member. Oesch seconded. Motion Carried.
Danehy: Wanted to be involved with ACJA because he thought networking needed to be improved. They have scheduled some social activities to encourage the conversation among students. They already have a judge, someone representing Lowe’s Loss Prevention Program, DEA and MSP representatives scheduled as speakers. They also plan to schedule two field trips: 1) the Shooting Range on Campus and 2) Jackson prison. ACJA hopes to host a blood drive in January. Membership attendance has been about 45 at meetings, but with there’s been additional interest so they are up to about 60 people.

Cichowski: They currently have 50 members and have had about 15-25 new students express interest in joining. They do a lot of volunteer activities, i.e., the Student Food Bank. They are also working on networking opportunities.

Brown: Their volunteer activities have included an AIDS walk and they are working with the Boys and Girls Club on their Halloween activities. NABCJ is a multi-ethnic organization and they have increased their membership. They have toured Jackson Prison and are working on a tour the Women’s prison in Huron Valley. They meet twice a month and have occasional guest speakers.

Homberg: Added that they would be willing to work as a “big group” if there were facilities they could use on the weekend that wouldn’t charge. Our student groups are working at sharing more.

Memorial Update:

Thompson: Reported that we didn’t get close to doing brick and mortar. He, Nash and Curtis met with MSUAA Executive Director Scott Westerman who said the chances of raising enough money were slim to none. He recommended that we do an alternative (referred to handout distributed in meeting materials).

Nash: There was discussion about a web site in lieu of the real thing. Nash would rather see a physical/tangible item and so the next best thing would be a plaque with picture of the officer and wording honoring the officer. Right now we can identify four officers. Nash thinks acknowledging the officer/family is doable. He wouldn’t argue against a web site and a plaque, but websites come and go. He wants to work really hard so that someone on behalf of the school personally presents the plaque to the family. He would like to do something on campus honoring them. He would like to make this proposal for discussion. Wondered if we have the resources to do both?

Curtis: Also met with Westerman on another occasion. The pledges that were secured from the board weren’t sufficient enough to move forward with a wall. They discussed how to move forward in a dignified way honoring fallen individuals and families. Westerman suggests taking the funds raised so far and a grant that he would match, to develop a professional web page. We would invite families to wall of fame and honor them there and present them with a plaque.

Sparks: Questioned how much money was raised?
Curtis: Responded that there was $1,500 in paid pledges. Sparks said that’s not accurate.

A sheet was passed around for each board member to record what their contribution was and whether the check had been cashed yet.

Sparks: Said he felt the web site was important to do. He wants someone with Law Enforcement experience to review the developed web site to see if it is up to par and sensitive to what this represents. He thought acknowledgement at WOF dinner would be great and he would want a centralized location on the SCJ walls for display.

Thompson: Said that they needed to go back and change the name from Public Safety to be inclusive and to make it a CJ major. He also said the Board needs to come to consensus on their priorities of these things to do.

After considerable discussion,

Sparks: Mentioned that this had started with noble intentions. He supports a web site with law enforcement individual viewing final web info, plaques for family and recognition at a WOF dinner. He moved that the Board work with Candy to make the web site happen. Hendrickson Seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Thompson: The Committee will stay the same: Nash, Rowley, Thompson and Curtis.

**President’s Report:**

Thompson: Reported that he had a meeting with the Director and went on to share an update from him with the Board:

McGarrell assured the Board that the Director of Outreach position will not disappear. It is a very important piece. If and when Audrey Martini retires it will remain. Outreach is critical to the field at all kinds of levels.

Academy: LCC will treat SCJ students as in-service. MSP would like to run a special academy and MSU faculty would teach simultaneously. Dr. McGarrell will be meeting with Colonial Etue about this.

Thompson: Suggested that we don’t care what academy a student goes to, bring us the MCOLES certificate back to SCJ and we will do a pre-credit evaluation and look at MSU curriculum to see what matches up so students get credit ahead of time. MSU will want money, so he suggests that we charge a fee for the evaluation and this is what they get credit for. Suggests Bob and Bill do MCOLES credit evaluation and talk to McGarrell.

Parson: Expressed concern and saw some immediate problems: a non-MSU person evaluating their credits for MCOLES is probably going to be a stumbling block. Doesn’t feel the University will accept the administrative fee. Also, he doesn’t see how this will be a go without faculty involvement.
Lynch: What other programs at MSU require certification?

Nash: What about a “session” of an MSP academic (example) to train SCJ students.

Thompson: Says Ed will meet with CJAA Task force (sub-committee) to move this forward.

Sparks: Thought Bob, Bill and Traci (with Nancy) should discuss this in more detail.

**Nominations for CJAA Board of Directors**

Rowley: Moved that Brett, Hendrickson, Parsons and Ruiz be re-appointed. Thompson seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**Nomination and Election of Board Officers**

Oltersdorf: Moved for Sparks as President and Donovan seconded.

Sparks: Nominated Parson for Vice President, Rowley seconded.

Rowley: Moved and Oltersdorf seconded to approve these officers. **Motion Carried.**

**Wall of Fame:**

Next Wall of Fame/Board meeting will be Friday, October 4, 2013

Spring Board Meeting: Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee VanderMoere
Recording Secretary