SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2013

Attendees: John Donovan, Dennis Halverson, Tom Hendrickson, Marlon Lynch, Bill Nash, Nancy Oesch, Mike Oltersdorf, Bob Parsons, Gene Pawlik, Shawn Rowley, Traci Ruiz, Paul Sparks, Mike Thompson, John Toney

Additional Attendees: Candy Curtis, Tim Homberg, Ed McGarrell, Mary Lee VanderMoere

Meeting called to order: at 9:02 am by President Paul Sparks.

Roundtable: Introductions by attendees. Board President Sparks thanked everyone for coming.

Approval of Minutes:

Sparks: Asked for one correction in the October 5, 2012 minutes that were distributed. His comment should read “Likes meeting twice a year, with one meeting being held in Baker Hall.”

Oltersdorf: Moved to approve October 5, 2012 minutes with correction. Motion seconded by Oesch. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

Curtis: Reported that doing the E-news in house was saving money. Also the work she has done with MSUAA in finding vendors has helped cut costs for things.

Pawlik: Asked what School support of WOF was.

Curtis: Responded that the School pays for the travel of the inductees.

Sparks: Wondered if we could have MSUAA forms available so instructors could hand out at classes?

McGarrell: Said he would see to that happening.

Toney: Recommended that the student organizations share the Alumni Association information, since they joined the association they are more inclined to join the MSUAA.
Oesch: Suggested contacting each graduating senior and invite them to join MSUAA. It could be done electronically.

Curtis: Westerman says the most effective way to do membership garnering is person-to-person from constituent groups.

Pawlik: Moved to accept financial report as distributed. Oltersdorf seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Director’s update:**

McGarrell: Reported that School enrollment is still high and that they will have about 100 undergrads graduating Spring 2013. There will be about 5 doctoral students graduating.

There is discussion about allowing students to declare their major earlier (currently at the end of the second year). We currently have 750 undergrads, 200 masters, and 30 doctoral students. Of the 200 masters students there are 20 forensic majors. We have 20-25 on campus traditional masters and 140-150 on-line students. We currently have a degree Masters in CJ-LEIA and are very close to a Masters in Judicial Administration being approved by the University.

State of Georgia asked about providing the JA degree to their court system employees. There is an MSU team in the Ukraine providing continuing education for Ukraine court managers.

CJ PhD alum, Sameer Hinduja, will be receiving the SSC Distinguished Alumni award.

Spark: Asked how successful the certificate programs are?

McGarrell: Most of the students receiving a specialization couple it with a regular degree. We tend to see students who are pursuing Masters in CJ interested in some specializations.

The School does a lot of work with violent crime issues in Detroit, Flint, and Lansing with some expansion possible to Jackson. Due to budgetary cutbacks, crime analysis has suffered in law enforcement agencies. We are now working to place interns, volunteers or independent study students with geospatial, crime mapping, and intelligence analysis experience in agencies. MSP has students working with them and would like to expand. A coalition in Lansing (a violent crime initiate) has
asked for 8 interns to work with local agencies so they would be able to share data between the 8 agencies. Detroit is asking for at least 2 for homicide and major crimes; a Chief in Kentucky is willing to provide a paid internship for crime analysis. We have a student in Raleigh and we will try to get them linked up with agencies there. Specifically, the students will be grad level interns with some skills in crime analysis. We’d like to place them for a year or a 2-3 year masters program.

McGarrell: Heather Perez is coordinating this initiative. We are exploring a five-year bachelor/masters program. Individuals would do two years of our traditional bachelor’s program, then be placed and complete their degree and end up with 2 years experience from an agency and a masters degree.

Sparks: Will make Sokolove aware of this, for marketing purposes.

McGarrell: Reported that he will be going to Namibia for the third time in a year. The University is setting up an international network in Brazil, China and South Africa. The School is trying to link up with these activities. CJ is working with their national police force.

CJ-Outreach is getting ready to do a strategic plan for Outreach. He anticipates the Board being asked for input as a key stakeholder.

McGarrell: Asked who the Board would appreciate having an update from (besides the student groups)? He could bring a faculty member to the Fall Board meeting if interested.

Nash: Responded that the Board wants to start and develop a relationship with faculty. They would also like to know how they could be helpful to faculty. So any opportunity to interact with faculty would be appreciated.

Parsons: Commented that the Board clearly needs better communication with faculty and would like to attend a faculty meeting as well.

McGarrell: Suggested maybe the first meeting of each semester would work.

Pawlik: Asked for a concept paper or a description of the Intel student placement activity.

McGarrell: If the Board has any recommendations for people to work with Heather Perez as we develop the base placement program, please let him know. If the student is placed as an intern Tim Homberg would be the supervisor.
**MSU SCJ Public Service memorial Update:**

Nash: The team of Rowley, Ruiz, Oltersdorf and Curtis, are ready to put this to bed. Rowley and Nash have been in contact with the families of the three officers (Russell, Samborski and Duyst), and families are very appreciative of the efforts. All three families have agreed to come to campus on October 4 for the WOF dinner and have the ceremony then.

Rowley: Potential plaque designs were circulated.

Curtis: Will check on using “School of Criminal Justice” with Scott Westerman.

Oltersdorf: Moved that members send their suggestions to the committee and the committee has the authority to make a final decision. Donovan seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Curtis: Reported that they originally thought they would place the plaques to the left of the School’s Director’s office with a $200 cost to install. The Committee suggested displaying at MSUAA offices-Spartan Way, or at the Union. She met with the Director of MSU Union to see if this might be a possibility. The Union is very interested in doing something, but couldn’t make a commitment until second renovation was complete and they know where their space will be. The Director said the Union was built as a memorial for war veterans.

Nash: Recommends plaques being displayed at the Union (as opposed to MSUAA or Baker Hall).

He also thinks the Board should cover the cost of the dinner for spouses and kids. What about transportation and lodging?

Curtis: Distributed a potential budget for doing this (based on WOF costs). Westerman has graciously offered to create the web page with Curtis. Westerman’s plan is to introduce the Web page on a big screen TV at the WOF in October.

Ruiz: She would be willing to approach Kellogg Center and see if they would be willing to comp the rooms for the families.

Halverson: Moved to approve expenditures not to exceed $3,700. Seconded by Toney. **Motion Carried.**
Pre-Service Certification:

Sparks: Commented that he was personally a strong supporter of MSU being involved in the certification in some way.

Oltersdorf: Expressed disappointment over the years not being able to hire his alum. Officers have to be certified before they are hired now.

Parsons: Gave an overview of Attachment 6 from the Board packets. The Committee recommended a partnership with LCC vs. MSP because of logistical issues and they have been in business a long time.

Parsons: A proposal has been made from MCOLES to LCC.

Homberg/McGarrell: After your sophomore year you are not allowed to transfer in credits from another University. There is a 56 credit cap transferred up front. They don’t believe this would be saving the student any money, because they pay tuition at MSU and they have academy costs, no matter what.

McGarrell: A student can do what the LCC proposal suggests. The benefit is if a student knows ahead of time they can plan. The committee’s plan would get 6 credits free to students.

Sparks: Asked if there was any faculty support for this?

McGarrell: Responded that there is no MSU support to have an academy. Faculty would support collaboration as opposed to our own academy. The difference is that MSP would not be granting credits, they would be MSU credits, not transfer credits.

Homberg: The challenges are in the hiring process. He has students enrolling in our bachelor’s program, coming from a two-year program, understanding that they have to do an academy outside of MSU.

   He doesn’t see this ever being exclusive with the University.

Halverson: Suggested that if we’re not getting signals that this is a good possibility, or that students aren’t even remotely interested in this happening, he recommends we just move on.

Sparks: Asked where would we be in June if this is voted down by MCOLES?
Perhaps we have to be better at advising and say that if you want to be certifiable upon graduation this is what you need to do ($2,400 probably won’t keep them from doing it). We just want them to be more employable then the next guy, something that makes them different from another candidate.

McGarrell: Cost, credit, and quality of the training are the issues he feels are most important. He hears that the experience might be different depending on where they go, MSP or LCC. It can cost $5,000 or $7,900 depending on the academy.

Homberg: They could do better at advising if as a freshman someone says they want to be Law Enforcement, they can provide the student with the information and as a sophomore work to keep them on that path.

McGarrell: Said they were all in agreement that we could do better at advising students, and make them aware they can be certifiable with an academy at graduation, if MCOLES approves the MSP proposal.

Sparks: Thanked everyone involved in this issue, especially the committee of Parsons, Ruiz and Nash.

Ruiz: Commented that we were all feeling frustrated with things and that’s why we would like to work with the faculty more, in order to better communicate with them. It would help to know more about what is important to them and then so we’re not doing things separately.

**Board Member Term Expirations:**

Sparks: Please forward the name and resume of potential Board members to him. There are two Board positions that will need to be filled at the October 4 Board meeting.

**Side Note:** Parsons will let VanderMoere know when MCOLES votes on the MSP proposal.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 1:20 pm.