**SANTA MONICA COLLEGE**

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 23, 2020

**Time:** 10 a.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Facilitator:** Nathan Khalil

**In Attendance**

Santa Monica College Faculty and Staff

Christine Gau, Faculty- AJ

Lisa Junghahn, Faculty- AJ

Nathan Khalil, Faculty - AJ

Sasha King, Associate Dean of Career Technical Education

Dana Nasser, Faculty, Curriculum Chair

Mathew Polin, Faculty- AJ

Tricia Ramos, Dean of Academic Affairs

Steven Sedky, Faculty - Business

Sal Veas, Business Department Chair

Advisory Board

Nicole Gougis, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Santa Monica

Heidi Khalil, LCSW, PPSC

Sandy Jo MacArthur, Assistant Chief (Retired) LAPD

Heather Meyers, Deputy City Attorney, Santa Monica

Jason Olson, Officer, Santa Monica Police Department

Gail Peterson, Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles

Autumn Rindels, Deputy City Attorney, Santa Monica

**Business**

1. Introduction to program and overview of agenda
2. Faculty Introductions
3. Sal Veas Introduction
4. District Comments
   1. Patricia Ramos, Dean of Academic Affairs
   2. Sasha King, Center for Competitive Workforce
5. Advisor Introductions
6. AJ Program description:
   1. AS-T (Associate in Science for Transfer): degree that prepares students transferring to CSU. Needs to meet CID approval.
   2. Enrollment data: headcount more than doubled from 2018-19 to 2019-20
   3. Business law-related classes provide additional learning opportunities
   4. Law Pathway: CA bar and community colleges initiative to develop pipeline of diverse students going to law school. Transcript will demonstrate program completion. Upon transfer and application to law school, schools that participate will give priority review and waive application fee.
7. Panel Discussion
   1. Suggestions were made with regard to education, training, and dialogue on topics surrounding the question of policing and ensuring equitable practices.
   2. The impacts and challenges of Covid-19 on the criminal justice system were shared by Advisory Board members.
   3. Members shared that cross-disciplinary education, investigation practices, as well as interpersonal skills (such as interviewing) could benefit students in preparation for entering the law enforcement workforce.
   4. Due to Covid, internships and other programs are a current challenge, but the desire for externships/internships, shadow and mentor opportunities, as well as guest speakers in class were raised as further opportunities that would benefit students. The SMPD cadet program was described as an additional opportunity.
8. Action Item
   1. Steven Sedky provided an overview of the Online Pathways program, which would provide for an ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) in Administration of Justice, allowing students to obtain an Associates’ Degree and continue towards a Bachelor’s Degree in an online learning environment.
   2. Dana Nasser presented the Certificate of Achievement in Administration of Justice, which would serve as a both a first step towards the AST mentioned above, as well as provide an opportunity to students who may not have a degree as an objective. The certificate is oriented towards career advancement for those already in law enforcement or to give students entering the workforce additional credentials to make their candidacy more attractive to employers.

**ACTION: Advisory Board recommended to develop Certificate.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. with thanks to all participants

Minutes taken by Christine Gau, Faculty, for approval.