

# MINUTES

## Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting

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Date | time 4/5/2017 5:30 PM | Meeting called to order by David Dammon

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### In Attendance

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#### *Members Present:*

Christian Kuhns— Sergeant, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office  
Tom Phillips— Chief of Police, Northern Illinois University  
Charles " Chuck " Rose— Attorney, Law Office of Charles G. Rose  
Jim Robar- Kishwaukee and Wabaunsee College, Kane County Youth Court

#### *Others Present:*

David Dammon— Criminal Justice Instructor, Kishwaukee College/Sergeant, Belvidere Police Department  
Matthew Feuerborn— Dean of Career Technologies, Kishwaukee College  
Joanne Kantner— Executive Dean of Learning Services, Kishwaukee College  
Bill Nicklas— Executive Director, Kishwaukee College Foundation  
LaCretia Konan— Director of Business and Training Partnerships, Kishwaukee College  
Brianna Hooker— Administrative Assistant to Instruction, Kishwaukee College, Recorder

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### Welcome and Introductions

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David Dammon welcomes everyone to campus and thanks them for their participation on the CRJ Advisory Committee. Dave announces that we are always looking for members to join our committee so if there is anyone in mind, please contact Dave at [David.Dammon@kishwaukeecollege.edu](mailto:David.Dammon@kishwaukeecollege.edu) (815) 825-9538). Committee members and college employees introduce themselves to the group.

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### Approval of Minutes and Enrollment Report

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The minutes from Fall 2016 are reviewed.

Dave makes a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck seconds the motion. Unanimous vote to approve minutes.

Dave reviews Declared student data as well as enrollment numbers and confirms to the committee that enrollment is down slightly this semester. However, headcounts for students pursuing a Forensic Tech degree are up.

Dave reports having placed emphasis on talking to high school seniors enrolled in KEC courses with the hopes of them enrolling in the CRJ program in Fall 2017. Intent among student seems strong which should help our enrollment numbers.

For Fall 2017, Dave reports working with Matt, Dean of Career Technologies, to eliminate some sections in order to fill the courses that do run. They have also been working efficiently to offer CRJ classes at times that will not conflict when other core degree courses (such as ENG, COM, MAT, etc) are being offered to avoid as many

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## Course Development for a CIS or Computer Forensics Cert.

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Dave reports discussing with David Klick, a Computer Information Systems instructor, to develop a Computer Forensics Certificate where students will learn software for phone/computer investigations. Will discuss further as this project progresses.

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## Skills USA 2017

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Skills USA is a workforce preparatory skills competition held for high school and college students annually. The Illinois Skills USA is held in Springfield and the national competition has been held in Louisville, KY the past few years.

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LaCretia explains the WIOA grant funding that we currently have in place for students who have barriers to employment who need funding help with school. To be eligible for WIOA, we need to ensure these students discover this grant BEFORE they are enrolled. Programs like WIOA are often underutilized and would likely assist with student retention.

Dave seeks committee ideas for increasing enrollment.

Tom mentions Sycamore High School having a new Explore program that Dave could look into.

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## Local Police/Corrections Outreach | Credit for Academy Courses

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Dave would like to focus some attention to current local police departments and corrections facilities because many current officers may not realize that they will receive college credit for academy courses as well as military. Most academy coursework will transfer in as 9 credit hours.

Tom reports that although NIU is a highly educated department, they are an exception to the rule. NIU has education waivers for their police officers so he often encourages more education. Also, recent literature is showing a decrease in requirements around the country which is not necessarily a good thing.

Chuck is curious if officers are being compensated well for having more education, if not that could contribute to some officers not choosing to pursue higher education.