

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WESTERN REGIONAL CRIMINOLOGY ARTICULATION COMMITTEE**

HOSTED BY: COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES (COTR)
LOCATION: ST. EUGENE MISSION RESORT, CRANBROOK, BC
DATES: MAY 8 & 9, 2008
ORGANIZER: Carol Pakkala, Criminal Justice Diploma Program
CHAIR: Erich Schellhammer, Royal Roads University

ATTENDEES:

Vincent Roper, Athabasca University, AB
Martin Gerson, British Columbia Council on Admissions & Transfers, BC
Kelli Moorhouse and Karin Kaercher, Camosun College, BC
Eric Tompkins, College of New Caledonia, BC
Carol Pakkala, College of the Rockies, BC
Tim Stiles & Rick Parent, Justice Institute of British Columbia, BC
Dave Lyon, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, BC (formerly Kwantlen University College)
Darrell Kean, Langara College, BC
Ian Hepher and Ann Parks, Lethbridge College, AB
Doug King, Mount Royal College, AB
Michael Brandt, Northwest Community College, BC
Jarkko Jalava, Okanagan College, BC
Erich Schellhammer, Royal Roads University, BC
Dawn Fleming, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), SK
Brian Burtch and John Whatley, Simon Fraser University, BC
Hirsch Greenberg, University of Regina, SK
Martin Silverstein, University of the Fraser Valley, BC (formerly University College of the Fraser Valley)
John Anderson, Vancouver Island University, BC (formerly Malaspina University College)
Charles Stuart, Yukon College, YT

INFORMATION ITEMS

Aurora Research Institute:

There are northern research opportunities (email Alana Mero: amero@auroracollege.nt.ca for details).

Other:

- **Northern Justice Institute:** Charles Stuart provided some details on this training institute which may open as early as September 08.
- **Saskatchewan Peace, Security and Justice Institute:** Hirsch Greenberg indicated Saskatchewan may also be creating an institute.

DISCUSSION OF TRAINING v. EDUCATION DICHOTOMY

- identification of climate of increased competitiveness and business model response by administrators
- concern expressed about the core mandate of post-secondary education (critical thinking and engagement) being lost
- need for innovation in terms of offerings and delivery

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair, vice-chair and links with BCCAT (Martin Gerson)

- proposed:
 - need a chair who should remain in position for more than one year;
 - meetings should alternate between Lower Mainland, other BC sites and out-of-province locations

MOTIONS PASSED:

1. the location for meetings will rotate between: the Lower Mainland of BC; outside of the Lower Mainland but within BC; and outside BC;
2. A Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary will be elected for a two year term.

ELECTIONS HELD (by acclamation):

Chair: Erich Schellhammer, Royal Roads University

Vice-Chair: Darrell Kean, Langara College

Secretary: Doug King, Mount Royal

Guest Speaker Protocols (Hirsch Greenberg)

- discussion of the issue of guest speakers wearing guns (e.g. on duty officers) - aspect of threat/perceived threat

Membership on the Committee-minor streams (Doug King, Vincent Roper)

- deferred to terms of reference discussion

Declining student enrollments (Charles Stuart)

- some are seeing declines (Yukon College, COTR, CNC) while others are seeing increases (e.g. SFU distance, Mount Royal)

Changes in post-secondary education in British Columbia (any)

- discussed earlier

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- revisions worked on, final document posted to Blackboard site for committee feedback

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

SFU DISTANCE - JOHN WHATLEY: enrolments are going up; BA is available through distance education; use voice over IP technology; new programs=online Masters degree in Applied Legal Studies; first group of Notaries will be graduating with notarial certificate; if anyone wants to look at a sample online course in WebCT (CRIM 103), email John: whatley@sfu.ca.

SFU - BRIAN BURTCH-*written report submitted*: highlighted new advisors; big growth in program; lowering of GPA standards; university undergoing a re-branding-new logo.

Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina)-John Anderson: two "canned programs" - Diploma, BA-CRIM; five regular faculty + sessionals; minor in Criminology is still possible but must build pre-requisite base; applications overall are down but not likely to affect filling Diploma or BA-reserves (68+34); problems with incoming block transfers-course by course articulation necessary because professors are complaining that students are deficient in some areas (but also excel in other areas like SPSS).

College of the Rockies-Carol Pakkala-*written report submitted*: discussion of video conferencing.

University of Regina-Hirsh Greenberg-*written report submitted*: undergoing curriculum review; articulation agreements are growing; university is going through re-branding; classes are dropped if they don't reach certain levels (n=10); gaps in program-no criminological theory course, ethics course cancelled; 400 students, 2nd largest in faculty; various concentrations.

Justice Institute of BC-Tim Stiles and Rick Parent: range of programs and services continues to expand; 20% of funding comes from Advanced Education, the rest from contracts and cost recovery programs; very busy year; introducing a two year law enforcement diploma.

Mount Royal College-Doug King-*written report submitted*: now offering a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice; 350-375 students; faculty can continue with teaching intensive or scholarship options; hiring 3 new people tenure track; applications were taking a hit because of the ultra hot AB economy, lost mostly high school males, now applications are up 55% for the coming year; John Winterdyk is on the biannual criminal justice tour; goal of Mount Royal is to be the best undergraduate teaching university in Canada.

Athabasca University-Vincent Roper-*written report submitted*: Vincent is retiring; offer a Bachelor of Professional Arts degree by distance; faculty do not have to be in Athabasca to teach; undergoing a fairly big change-access expansion grant, looking at a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

Lethbridge College-Ian Hepher and Ann Parks: offer a Correctional Studies Diploma, an Applied Degree in Correctional Studies and a Policing Diploma; undergoing curriculum review with goal of reducing number of required credits; have a partnership agreement with SIAST to offer 3rd year of correctional studies program in Prince Albert.

Langara College-Darrell Kean: oldest program; traditionally have had 1 cohort of 40 students, now will have 2 cohorts and have the numbers to fill the cohorts; have made the program more flexible in terms of course offerings.

Okanagan College-Jarkko Jalava: offer a 2 year diploma (Criminal & Social Justice); first graduating class this year-12 students; have 2 instructors, 1 full-time, 1 part-time; enrolments

are more than were predicted, 21 enrolled already for next year with 54 more applicants; developing an Applied Degree.

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology-Dawn Fleming: offer a 2 year correctional studies diploma with 45 students and an Aboriginal police preparation program; no problem in filling programs - already full for next year.

Royal Roads University-Erich Schellhammer-written report submitted: highlighted marketing issues, declining enrolments and increased administration.

Camosun College-Kelli Moorhouse and Karin Kaercher-written report submitted: seeking feedback on Bachelor of Criminal Justice Degree proposal (3rd stage of the approval process with a goal of Sep 09 implementation); have developed learning outcomes for the current diploma; have seen a reduced demand for the diploma-used to have 3 cohorts of 40, now 2.

Yukon College-Charles Stuart: see also Northern Justice Institute discussion; undergoing a major reorganization; seeing declining enrolments; looking at building new degrees.

University of the Fraser Valley-Martin Silverstein: 250 FTEs added, administration is looking to the criminal justice program to bring in many of these new FTEs; have a 3 prong strategy to meet the target-offering summer session, offering direct entry and lowering their GPA.

College of New Caledonia-Eric Tompkins: offer a two year diploma; 2 full-time instructors, also seeing low enrolments; also undergoing a re-branding.

Northwest Community College-Michael Brandt: offer an Associate of Arts degree in criminology; numbers in their program are higher than other university levels; marketing courses within school to other programs e.g. nursing and social work; 50% of students are taking courses as electives; strategic push to attract First Nations students.