ODESSA COLLEGE | CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Advisory Board Meeting, Fall 2025 October 30, 2025

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Approve Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes
- CJ AAS/Cert Enrollment
    - Spring 25 – 271
    - Fall 25 – 313
- Dual Credit Enrollment
    - 24/25 – Academic Year: 139
    - 25/26 – Academic Year: 139
- BAAS Degree Enrollment
    - **Increased enrollment**
        - Fall 2021 - 4
        - Fall 2022 – 12
        - Fall 2023 – 19
        - Fall 2024 – 28
        - Fall 2025 - 34
- Hiring for full-time faculty, or TA / Adjunct to help with dual credit sections
    - M-TH 10:30 - 11:50 / 2:00 - 3:20
    - Position is in person / on campus
    - Must have a Master's degree & workforce experience
- Corrections Certificate (Dual Credit) – Placed on hold
    - Need Board Vote
- Law Enforcement Leadership Certificate – Collaboration OPD – Captain Lacey
    - Need Board Vote
- Community Partnerships – David Zubiate
- Interim Dean – Dr. Anderson-Silvas
- Feedback from CJ agencies
    - Trooper, Elena Viramontes – DPS
- Closing

Odessa College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Department Director: Naomi De Anda		
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025	**MEETING TIME:** 12:00 PM-1:00 PM	**MEETING PLACE:** Odessa College Culinary O'Cuisine Dining
RECORDER: Luna Rodriguez	**Spring 2025**	**PREVIOUS MEETING:** Monday, October 28, 2024

MEMBERS: (P=PRESENT) Add nonmembers present to bottom of table with heading "Others Present" (OP)

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Agenda Item	Action, Discussion, Information	Responsibility
Welcome & Introductions	Naomi De Anda, welcomed and called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. Introductions conducted among attendees.	Naomi De Anda
Review & Approve Minutes from Monday, October 28, 2024	Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion to approve by Karl Miller, seconded by Ronny McCarver. Motion passed.
Curriculum Committee Updates Spring 2025	○ BAAS degree-Correction on Biology course ○ Sunset-CJ Leadership Certificate	Naomi De Anda
Recruitment	Active Duty LE- Free tuition/all courses online	Naomi De Anda
Internships	Overview of the 16-week internship	Will Bess
New Collaboration w/ OPD CSI Unit	○ Renovate Criminalistics courses ○ Student Interaction	Naomi De Anda
Vision 2030	Bond Election information	Dana Church
Career and Transfer Department	Discuss plans to build a Resource Wall	Aaron Trimble
Advisory Input	Student Pathways & Certification Clarifications	Naomi De Anda

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Curriculum Updates:	○ Bachelor's Degree Correction: The department received approval for a minor correction to the biology course listed in the CJ bachelor's degree plan (updated from BIOL 1301 to BIOL 1308). ○ CJ Leadership Certificate Sunset: Due to low enrollment (only two completions since 2019), the CJ Leadership Certificate has been officially sunset. ○ Future Planning: The department is exploring the creation of a Communication Certificate targeted at dispatchers to better serve workforce needs.
Recruitment:	○ The department is focused on increasing student enrollment in traditional areas of the program. ○ Free Tuition: Active-duty law enforcement and firefighters are eligible for free tuition through a state House Bill—attendees are encouraged to share this information. ○ Online Learning: All CJ programs (Associate and Bachelor's) are offered entirely online, providing flexibility for working students, particularly those in law enforcement
Internships:	○ Overview: Will Bass provided an update on the 16-week internship program, which offers placements with local agencies including police, sheriff, probation, and CPS. ○ Outcomes: Internships have been very successful, with positive feedback from agencies and several students receiving job offers as a result of their internship experiences.
New Collaboration:	New Faulty and Initiatives ○ New Adjunct Introduction: Megan Buckner has joined as a new adjunct instructor, specializing in Criminalistics and currently serving as the Director of Crime Scene Investigation at OPE. ○ Course Revamp: Megan will lead the effort to update the Criminalistics curriculum, which has not been revised in over a decade. ○ Experiential Learning: Megan has introduced innovative activities including funeral home visits and courtroom trial observations to enhance student engagement and real-world learning. ○ These initiatives aim to strengthen and grow enrollment in the Criminalistics certificate track.
Vision 2030:	○ Vision 2030 Bond: Dana Church from the Advancement Office encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming bond election and provided information on early voting.
Career and Transfer:	○ Discussed plans to build a Resource Wall near the CJ department to provide students with tangible information on law enforcement and CJ-related careers. ○ Requested that agencies share digital flyers, business cards, and recruitment materials for inclusion. ○ Emphasized the importance of making resources accessible and visible to students, increasing the likelihood of them pursuing those opportunities.
Advisory Input:	○ Student Pathways & Certification Clarifications ○ Jailer Certification: ○ OC Tech juniors start on a pathway that includes the TCOLE-approved jailer certification course in their senior

Advisory Input continued:	year. o Students outside this pathway must continue coursework post-graduation to earn the jailer certificate. o Dispatcher Training: o Currently, the college does not offer dispatcher certification. o Departments typically hire dispatchers directly and sponsor them through training. Students must be at least 18 years old. o Courthouse Careers: o Various departments operate within the courthouse; positions may not require specialized CJ education or certification. o Recommended that interested students inquire directly with the county for opportunities and requirements. o Attendees were encouraged to distribute brochures highlighting the free tuition for active-duty law enforcement and firefighters, online course flexibility, and the strength of the internship program.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.