Degrees and Certificates Committee Agenda
October 11
Sylvania CC Tree Rooms
2:45pm to 4pm

Old business:
Degree and Certificate Committee conversation and welcome to new members.

New Business:
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Degrees and Certificates:
- OCCC Suspension: Criminal Justice AAS and Corrections Technician Certificate
- AAS-DSTC: Dealer Service Technology AAS
- AAS-EXS: Exercise Science AAS
  - ACERTP-GFL: Group Fitness Leader Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
  - ACERTP-HOA: Healthy Older Adult Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
  - PREREQ-FT01: Exercise Science Prerequisites
- AAS-WDD: Website Development and Design AAS
  - ACERT1-WEBM: Website Development and Design One-Year Certificate
- ACERT1-DA: Dental Assisting One-Year Certificate
- NEW: ACERTP-COPR: CAD Operator Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
  - NEW: ACERTP-MECD: Mechanical Drafter Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
  - NEW: ACERTP-TECD: Technical Designer Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
- NEW: ACERTP-HUS: Foundations in Human Services Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate
Awards:
NA

Policies:

Discussion Items:

**DOI Report:** Cheryl Scott
**EAC Report:** Eriks Puris
**Style Guide:**

Consent Agenda:

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INACTIVATE: ELECTV-BCT02: Building Construction Technology Communication Electives
ECTV-EEFS01: Early Childhood Education Electives
ELECTV-FT02: Exercise Science Group Fitness Leader Electives
ELECTV-GIS01: Geographic Information Systems Certificate GIS Electives
ELECTV-LAT01: Landscape Technology Degree Electives
ELECTV-LAT07: Landscape Service Technician Electives
ELECTV-MM01: Multimedia Program Electives
ELECTV-MUC04: Music And Sonic Arts Speciality Electives
To: PCC Degrees and Certificates Committee  
From: Linda Mollino, CTE Director for Health and Human Services  
Subject: Suspension of: Criminal Justice AAS Degree and Corrections Technician Certificate  
Date: July 20, 2017

Rationale: The instructional Leadership Team (ILT) has recommended the suspension of the Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Corrections Technician Certificate. The OCCC College Council has been notified that the process of suspending this program will begin in Fall 2017.

Historical Perspective: In the Fall of 2011, OCCC convened an advisory committee for the proposed Criminal Justice Program (CJ). The committee was made up of individuals from the Sheriff’s office, the county jail, the police departments in Newport and Lincoln City, state police and a private security company. The advisory committee was highly supportive of the development of the CJ program and has continued to be active and supportive. The Criminal Justice Program at OCCC was implemented to prepare individuals for entry level positions in the criminal justice field. In 2012, the Oregon State Board of Education reviewed and approved the application for a new Criminal Justice degree program at OCCC. The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce (CCWD) approved the “Corrections Officer” Career Pathways Certificate of Completion at OCCC. OCCC obtained a grant from the US Department of Labor for the start-up and initial operation of the CJ program. The grant covered the start-up period and the first two years of faculty salaries and program supplies. This grant ended in September of 2014. A full-time instructor was employed from 2012-2015 and taught exclusively in the Criminal Justice program. To keep the program sustainable after the grant funding ended the college switched to two part-time faculty. In 2015, OCCC, adopted the Portland Community College (PCC) Criminal Justice AAS and Corrections Technician Certificate through our accreditation agreement.

Enrollment History: Enrollment has been declining in our CJ program despite extensive outreach and marketing efforts that have been successful in stabilizing and growing other CTE programs. These efforts have included new promotional materials, social media, involvement in CTE fairs, and instituting Criminal Justice Day at OCCC to increase the awareness of the CJ program. The very strong advisory
board members have been heavily engaged in promoting the program as well. We have also explored dual credit options. Despite these efforts, only eight (8) students have been awarded their AAS in Criminal Justice and eight (8) students have been awarded their Corrections Technician Certificate since the onset of the program in 2012.

**Teach-out Plan:** A teach-out plan, required by the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. We have identified four (4) students in the Criminal Justice (CJ) pipeline. We will work with them to explore the best option(s) for them in meeting their goals. We will be working with each CJ student individually to ensure they have a path to completion if that is their desired outcome. Increasingly we have seen students with an interest in law enforcement choosing a transfer path, rather than the AAS degree.

To provide sufficient notice, the degree and certificate programs will be phased out over a period. No new (CJ) students will be accepted beginning Fall term 2017. Students currently enrolled must complete required coursework by the end of the 2017-2018 academic year at OCCC. Students may continue with coursework at PCC since the OCCC program suspension does not affect the program at PCC.

The plan includes the following:

- Notice in the college 2017–2018 catalog

- Notice to all criminal justice students, faculty and advisory committee members by email

- Notice to criminal justice advisor to schedule individual advising meetings with all current students and to outline plans/timelines for completion of their course of study by Spring term 2018.

Looking ahead, we anticipate that there may be ways, other than an AAS degree, to serve students with an interest in careers in Law Enforcement. We will continue to work with our Advisory Board and some universities to explore those options. The suspension, however, does allow OCCC to reinstate the certificate within three years should a need be indicated.