

**SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: November 14, 2007

Time: 6:30PM

**Minutes**

**Industry Attendance:**

Deborah Chiu, RDH, Clydene Evens-Wenzel, RDH, Tracy Wayman, DDS, Amy Winston, DDS

**Guest:** Bart Johnson, DDS

**Faculty/Staff Attendance**

Marianne Baker, Rosie Bellert, Ellen Braun, Nikki Honey, Melinda Lane,

**Status Report**

**Enrollment:**

Enrollment remains optimal with 24 first-year students and 24 second-year students. There are 2 male first year students. We had accepted 3 males but one of them did not attend the orientation session held a week before school started. We made several attempted to contact him leaving 3 voice messages. We also learned that he had visited the cashier and requested reimbursement of his instrument issue payment of \$4000. 00. One day prior to the beginning of the quarter, we accepted the next alternate student on the list. A week later I sent him a registered letter officially dropping him from the program.

**Personnel:**

- Sue Dougal "retired" from her full-time position, but is now a part-time clinical instructor in second year clinic.
- Jessica Twibell resigned and moved to Colorado to assist with her mother's health care.
- Melinda Lane, who has been teaching part-time for 19 years, applied and was awarded the full-time position that Sue vacated.
- We have hired several part-time instructors to fill the vacancies in first-year clinic: Dina Jacobs, Rada Kerimova and Michelle Wolf.
- Also, Dr Ruef, who has been with us for more than 20 years, will not be rejoining us this year due to poor health. We have hired Dr. Divya Roa for Wednesday clinics.

**Boards:**

All Board exams were passed.

**New Building Status:**

The college will apply again in December 2007 for the new Health Occupations Building. We like to think that the "3<sup>rd</sup> time is a charm".

## Equipment and Supplies:

Several new items have been purchased:

- Satelec Peizo                   Quantity: 2
- Diagnodent                   Quantity:1
- India Red sharpening stone   Quantity:4
- Arestin syringes
- Oraqix dispensers

In addition, we will be receiving a new Panographic x-ray machine. Thank you Berta.

## Accreditation:

I wish to thank all of you for attending the breakfast with the site visitors and speaking so highly of us and our program.

During the summer we received the preliminary draft from CODA regarding the self-study and the site visit. The commission will meet in early January to review all of the documents.

We received one suggestion, two recommendations and one commendation. I have sent our responses to the following items.

- Commendation:
  - *To the director and faculty for commitment and dedication to ensuring student success and as such reflects very well on the college*
- Suggestion:
  - *Course descriptions be periodically reviewed to ensure content taught matches descriptions, i.e. sequential clinical courses have the same course descriptions.*
    - We are in the process of revising course descriptions for the restorative and traditional clinical courses.
- Recommendations:
  - *The graduates should be competent in treating all classifications of patients.*
    - We had our programmer add items to the data base so that we can track the following: patient age, ASA classification and special needs classification.
  - *The students, faculty, and support staff involved with direct patient care must be continuously certified in BSL including CPR.*
    - It is now a standard procedure that faculty and staff must be current with recertification in order to work in clinic. In addition, recertification has been added to the Medical Emergencies class.

There was a verbal recommendation to eliminate the first-year "procedures" classes due to lack of content. We have dropped 172 & 182 and given one credit to the first periodontology class and one to community dental health, both of which were under credited.

## Discussion Topics

Dr. Winston and Dr. Johnson discussed their new clinic: *Seattle Special Care Dentistry* (SSCD), which is scheduled for opening in December. Dr. Winston and Dr. Johnson would like to collaborate with SCC to provide a clinical rotation and/or didactic seminars for SCC students. SSCD will provide comprehensive dental care to special needs populations. There will be IV sedation and in-office General Anesthetic. The office is a 2721 sq. ft. facility located near University Village on 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. The committee members applaud the clinic's concept and the faculty would appreciate sending students for a clinical rotation to the clinic, starting winter 2009. For more information contact [amywinstondds@hotmail.com](mailto:amywinstondds@hotmail.com) or [bartj33@comcast.net](mailto:bartj33@comcast.net)

### **Three year Dental Hygiene Program Option.**

Marianne questioned the committee about the possibility of increasing our enrollment by offering a 3 year curriculum. A curriculum such as this is offered at Clark Community College. This allows a person who must work or who has family responsibilities to apply to the program. All of the current students were polled and several in 1<sup>st</sup> year and 3 in 2<sup>nd</sup> year said that the concept would appeal to them. The committee thought that the concept was viable and were in favor of additional research being conducted.

### **Next meeting:**

The Next meeting will be May 14, 2008 at 6:30pm.