

SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Date: April 26, 2006

Time: 6:30PM

Minutes

Industry Attendance:

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

Faculty/Staff Attendance

Marianne Baker, Ellen Braun, Ona Canfield, Nikki Honey, Gillian Lewis, Berta Lloyd,

Enrollment

The second-year class began their first-year with 24 members; however, last spring one of the 24 dropped due to a difficult pregnancy and chose not to continue her education at SCC. Twenty-three students remain and all are expected to graduate this June.

Everyone in the first-year class of 24 is progressing nicely and is on track toward second year.

The first year-students hosted an "open house" in late March for the top 50 applicants. Approximately 35 applicants attended the open house. The feedback received was very positive. We feel that this open house, which provided a "human touch", had a great deal to do with the retention of most of the top 24 applicants. We are delighted to announce that we have selected a very strong class to begin in September 2006.

Application Process

This year the same team of faculty participated in all of the interviews. This departure from the last few years was initiated by the faculty to "standardize" the interviews. The faculty was very pleased with the process and the results. This year marked the second year of the "on-line" application process. There were a few glitches but no more than to be expected. In general, the applicants were pleased with the ease of the process.

Accreditation

We have received the self-study document and have a year to analyze the program and write the report. The site visit is scheduled for May of 2007. The Advisory Committee members will be asked to participate by meeting the visiting team at a breakfast or lunch time.

Personnel

- ✚ Carolyn Christensen was granted tenure in March. She is now holding a 50% contract to allow her to care for her newborn daughter. Marvin Braun is taking her place in second-year clinic
- ✚ Marie Batalia (clinic manager) is also expecting and will be on a reduced contract September through December and will be telecommuting from home during her maternity leave. Marie has hired an hourly person to assist her with sterilizing instruments.
- ✚ Dentrix software has been installed and is being used. Patsy Duggan, patient service representative has hired an hourly person to assist her with the use and the implementation of the Dentrix software as well as general office duties. The older Access data base that has been used for years is unable to automatically merge data into the new Dentrix database, therefore Patsy is quite busy.
- ✚ Judy Carrol, a SCC graduate is a recognized “expert” in perioscopy. She is working with the 2nd year students on Wednesday mornings introducing the concepts involved with this complex instrumentation.
- ✚ Dr Colin DelRosario is no longer able to supervise second-year clinic on Mondays. We welcome Dr. James Plihal, Dr. Bob Gidner, and Dr. Alan Dayton who are each working a third of the Mondays. Dr. Gidner is also working in restorative clinic this quarter, and Dr Plihal is helping out in Restorative clinic as needed.
- ✚ Heather Ramzan, a graduate of SCC is teaching Pharmacology; the class is face-to-face and is going well.

Curriculum

As stated above, the second-year students are being trained on the use of the Periscope. The first and second year students have received training on Dentrix software and digital radiography.

Boards

All 23 of the second-year students sat for the restorative boards in April. All but three passed. The three who did not pass will retake the exam in June. Twenty-one students sat for the local anesthesia exam and all passed both the written and the clinical portions. Two students were not able to take the exam due to computer “glitches” with their application. These two are scheduled to take the exam in June.

Dental Business Office Specialist Program

The DBOS program has officially started and has been progressing smoothly if not slowly. Two of our faculty are teaching in the program. Ellen Braun and Carol Christensen are both teaching a class for this program.

Discussion Topics

New Building Status

The new health occupations building was once again not funded. The building was ranked as sixth in priority and funding money was allocated through number four.

Fundraising

Patrick Burns explained the process and steps involved in a large scale fundraising campaign. The first step in the process is a feasibility study or goal clarification study. From this study potential leadership is identified as well as potential sources and levels of financial support. Patrick outlined the remaining components of a capital campaign, including timelines. The committee unanimously agreed that the fundraising should be pursued. Marianne and Gillian will meet to discuss the next step.

Accreditation

Marianne explained in great detail the process of writing the self-study and noted that the site visit will occur in May of 2007. The faculty is viewing this process as positive and a time to critically examine the whole program. The advisory committee will have an opportunity to talk with the site visit team at a breakfast scheduled for the first day of their visit.

The next meeting will be in the fall, the date TBA.