

**Shoreline Community College  
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee**

Date: October 26, 2005  
Location: 2513

Time: 6:30PM

**Minutes**

**Industry Attendance:**

Tracy Wayman, DDS, Deborah Chiu RDH, Anthony Santorsola, DDS, Gail Arshon, RDH, Clydene Evens-Wenzel, RDH

**Faculty/Staff Attendance:**

Marianne Baker, Gian Bruno, Gillian Lewis

**Program Status Report**

**Enrollment:** There are 23 students in the second year class and there are 24 students in the first year class. One of the second year students dropped in June due to a difficult pregnancy. Her plan is to return Spring quarter 2006 to retake DH 140 (Restorative I), and summer quarter to retake DH 180 (clinic). By retaking both of these courses she will be better prepared to begin second year in September 2006.

**Personnel:** Dr. Paul Amato has been hired for the month of October as the Monday Clinic Supervising Dentist. Dr. Colin Del Rosario has been hired to take Dr. Amato's place in clinic beginning November 14, 2005. Formerly Dr. Nikki Honey worked as the Supervising Dentist on Mondays; however, her workload was reevaluated. Dr. Honey's new work schedule allows her the same amount of prep time that the other faculty have for class preparation.

Our pharmacology instructor has retired. Currently there is job announcement for this position on the HR website.

We are seeking a dentist to work in restorative clinic (Thursday afternoons) beginning in January.

**Boards:** One student from the 2005 graduating class failed the National Board Examination. She did not get her paperwork in by the deadline to retake the examination in September but has all paperwork in order for the December test. All of the students passed the Local Anesthetic, Restorative and Prophy boards.

**New Health Sciences Building:**

Our building plan will be resubmitted this year.

**New Program:** The new program *Dental Business Office Specialist* that was discussed last year is now being offered. Currently there are 6 students and several are applying for next quarter. Four new courses have been developed. Ellen Braun and Carolyn Christensen will each be teaching a course for the program. We are very fortunate to have Fran Hunter who teaches the Dental Business Office Assistant Program at Clover Park Technical College on our planning committee. She has also agreed to teach a class for our program.

**New Equipment:** Last year a mini Dental Hygiene review was conducted by Saflund Institute. The results of this survey indicated that the program could greatly

benefit from dental equipment that reflects the realities of the workplace in Western Washington. The program has been fortunate this year in receiving a significant amount of money for new equipment. Division Dean, Gillian Lewis has been persistent in pursuing money sources for much needed items.

The following is a new equipment list:

- Perioscope
- Digital intra-oral camera
- Accucam
- Hydrim
- Statum
- Dentrix software
- Five computers, one on each of the 5 main clinical islands. These computers, Patsy's computer and the computer in the records room are all connected to the Dentrix network.
- New chairs and tables in room 2513.
- New chairs in the reception room.
- 4 new clinic patient chairs

Faculty and staff have had 4 hours of training with the Dentrix trainer. Another class is scheduled for November 12, 2005.

Faculty has also had initial training with the Perioscope trainer. One of the clinic patients's agreed to sit for each of the faculty members interested in using the Perioscope. Each of the faculty present had a few minutes working on this patient with the trainer's assistance. Additional training will be scheduled.

### **Discussion Topics**

#### **Faculty and Advisory Committee Member Recruitment**

The program would like to increase the part-time faculty pool and the advisory committee needs new members. The suggestion was made to get a list of retired dentists from WSDA because there might be interest among the retired dental community in teaching or serving on the advisory committee.

#### **Adding Perioscope to the Curriculum**

Dr. Santorsola has an older Perioscope that he may be able to donate to the program. With this donation, the clinic would have 2 Perioscopes, which would mean that more than one student would be able to learn at the same time.

Discussion ensued about how and when to introduce the Perioscope and then when the students should have a clinical experience using it. Gillian said that by the end of the second year all of the second year should have the opportunity to use it. Since the learning curve is about a year long and none of the faculty has the clinical expertise, discussion ensued about who should be hired to teach.

Several names were mentioned as well as several ideas about how much we could charge the patients and how additional faculty could be paid. The cost of the disposable sheath is \$35.00, but additional faculty must be paid at \$39.00/hour.

(Another faculty member is needed to mentor the student using the Perioscope because the regular clinic instructors cannot leave the 5 students assigned to them to closely mentor/monitor the student using the Perioscope.)

### **Dentrix Software**

The state auditors informed the accounting office that the Dental Hygiene Department needed an “appointment book” so that for each patient the following information could be tracked:

- Date
- Patient name
- Student name
- Procedures completed with the fee
- Payment received

Basically they wanted to be able to track the receipt to the appointment book. Currently students keep their own appointment books because Patsy Duggan (Patient Services Representative) does not make the appointments for the students.

The Dentrix software will be able to handle the auditor’s requests. The students will be instructed on how to schedule using the software.

### **Fundraising Letter**

Ona Canfield and Nikki Honey have developed a fundraising letter that would be sent to the dental community. The committee thought that we should not send the letter until late February when we will know if the new health sciences building will be approved. The building plan will be resubmitted and will definitely be considered. If the building is approved, it will be just the structure and does not include the contents of the clinic. Deborah Chiu brought a portfolio from a professional fundraiser whom she knows. He has raised \$60 million in his career and has worked with non-profit agencies. A new building would be advantageous in terms of fundraising because the committee feels that donors would feel better about giving money to a new/nice facility. There should be a subcommittee created to drive the fundraising for the department.

### **Dental Business Office Specialist Program**

There are only 6 students currently registered for the program but the program was not included in the fall time schedule. Dr. Santorosla and Dr. Wayman both have patients in their practices who are interested in the program. Gloria Anderson is the advisor.

The program is 9 months long; however, students can elect to test out of certain courses. Some of the courses are night classes, some hybrid, some online and others are face to face. The committee thought that the WSDA newsletter and the Seattle Times Training section would be good places to place information about the program.

### **Other**

Gian Bruno announced CTE Week – Health Occupations would like 2 tables. Gillian will plan on attending.

### **Next Meeting**

TBA: end of February