

**SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: November 8, 2006

Time: 6:30PM

Minutes

Dental Community Attendance:

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

Shoreline Faculty/Staff Attendance

Marianne Baker, Sue Dougal, Nikki Honey, Gillian Lewis, Berta Lloyd,

Enrollment:

Enrollment has not changed. There are 24 first-year students and 24 second-year students. All are doing well.

Personnel:

There is a current vacancy for a Full-time tenure track position that includes the responsibilities of the Restorative Lead Instructor. This position will begin in Winter Quarter 2007 following an application and interview process.

Ona Canfield resigned a week prior to the beginning of fall quarter. She has accepted the position as Director of Dental Hygiene at Seattle Central Community College. Rosie Bellert has stepped in as the lead restorative instructor in the Fall quarter. This was the position that Ona vacated.

- Andrea Bennett who taught in second-year clinic and pain control for many years resigned effective June 2006. She has been replaced by Marv Braun.
- Carmon Stone and Hanna Krupa), both SCC graduates have been hired as team instructors to teach in restorative pre-clinic.
- Jill Mashburn, who usually joins us in first-year in winter and spring has taken Ona's previous course load this quarter in DH 150-151, Dental Hygiene pre-clinic and Fundamentals.
- Marie Batalia is on family medical leave and will return in December.
- Linda Kadekawa and Tina Yuri are each hourly employees and are replacing Marie.

Boards:

All graduating students passed the National Boards, Prophy Boards and Local Anesthetic Boards. Three students failed the Restorative Board but passed before September.

Program Application:

The on-line application is now opened for the class starting in September 2007.

New Program:

The "Dental Business Office Specialist" (DBOS) program is in its second year and seeking new students. Please pass the word along to anyone who might be interested.

New Building Status:

.At the last All Campus Meeting, it was said by President Lambert that the Health Sciences Building is very high priority for Shoreline, the college will apply again next year.

Equipment:

Dentrix is "up and running". Students are entering their own patients' names and appointment times. The interface software that allows the digital radiographs to be stored in the Dentrix patient chart is also "up and running". The music system in the clinic is no longer functional and will be replaced over the break.

Accreditation:

We are still in the process of writing the self-study report. Our site visit will be Thursday and Friday, May 17 & 18, 2007. The site-team members request a meeting with the advisory committee members, either a breakfast or lunch meeting. If those times are not possible, then an early evening meeting will be OK with the CODA committee. The committee will want to talk with each of you individually for just a few minutes either before or after the committee meets as a whole. My question is: which time would you prefer?

Discussion Topics

Prerequisite Grades

Currently, the minimum grade for a prerequisite class is 2.5. In reality, because of the competition, a student with a grade as low as 2.5 will not even be in the top 50 who are interviewed. Marianne wondered about raising the minimum grade to 2.8 to match Seattle Central's minimum grade. The committee felt that we should keep the minimum grade 2.5 as it is now.

Accreditation Site Visit:

The site visit is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18, 2007. The Site Visit Committee will conduct a short interview with each of the advisory committee members and also a breakfast or lunch. It was decided to that a breakfast meeting on Friday, May 18th would work the best for most schedules..

Scholarship

Dr. Princeton Co announced he will be setting up a dental hygiene scholarship fund with the foundation. Dr. Co would like guidance on the criteria for awarding the scholarship. The advisory committee made the suggestion of using the monies to hire a hygienist to provide student training with the Perioscope.

Other

The Employer survey from the class of 2005 was discussed. Unfortunately, only 6 dentists returned the survey this year. Nikki summarized the employer surveys at the faculty meeting, and was asking for committee input to update the format of the survey. The committee felt that help from a statistician would improve our survey for the future. With so few responses the input we do get is difficult to interpret. Most often, the comments seem to be reflections on individual graduates rather than the entire group, and are not statistically valid to justify modifying our curriculum. (For example, there were two contradicting comments about graduates' periodontal skills from the same survey year. In addition, we know that one of our new graduates has been hired "right out of school" by a well respected, quality oriented downtown Seattle periodontist in his specialty practice.)

There were also comments that indicated that SCC graduates may not be very proficient with sealant techniques. Sealants are taught in spring first-year and students have requirements to place sealants on 2 patients, usually children.

Second-year students have no sealant requirements nor do they have requirements to work with child patients.

How should we proceed with modifying the employer survey? Please let me know if you have ideas about who to contact for statistical skills.

Suggestions:

Deborah Chiu suggested that a periodontist could be hired so that students would get clinical assistance with periodontal treatment planning and possibly viewing surgeries. The feasibility of this at the Shoreline Dental Hygiene Clinic would need to be evaluated. Deborah Chiu also suggested that the students could go to the University dental school as one of their clinical rotations. Amy Winston is familiar with the General Residency Program at the University of Washington Hospital, and suggested names of contacts to inquire about a rotation. This information was passed on to Nikki and Carolyn who will collaborate to investigate a possibility of a second year rotation at the University of Washington.

The committee as a whole felt that second-year students should have both "pedo" requirements as well as sealant requirements noting that sealants make money for the clinic. Also, graduates will be more skilled with sealant placement if they have requirements in second-year as well as first-year..

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 2 2007, 6:30-8:00 pm.