



Shoreline Community College
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MLT Program Advisory Committee Meeting

Wed., November 19, 2014

Room 2346, Building 2300

Present: Molly Morse, Tina Carpenter, Mary Rickel, Alison Leahy, Shelly Lankford, Dan Fey, Jackie Degler, Anne McGrew, Dorothy Canavan and Sue Seegers.

Absent: Linda Brewick, James Nakasone, Kristin Engstrom and Kelly Johnson.

Program Chair: Mary Rickel

Mary Rickel opened the meeting at 4:05pm, and welcomed everyone. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves. Two new committee members attended: Dan Fey, Dean-Workforce, and Alison Leahy, Interim Dean HOPE/Bus Division.

Linda Breiwick was not able to attend and asked Molly Morse to make a brief report. The Shoreline CC Foundation Student Success Breakfast was November 6, 2014. Linda was not able to attend. The event is very nice and involves the community, and features success stories of students.

Linda Brewick wanted the committee to know that she plans to offer two MLT student scholarships through Linda Brewick MLT Program Scholarship. We would like to offer two-\$1200-1500 scholarships. Scholarship applications are in April, and students are notified spring quarter. Scholarship money can be used for books and tuition for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Phlebotomy Program has 10 students Fa14-Wtr15. Students will be going to clinical facilities for one month practicum training during Winter qtr 2015. Anne McGrew asked if the Shoreline CC-Phlebotomy Program was still seeing delays in MA-Phlebotomist certification through WA ST DOH. Mary reported that certification was taking less time and process is smoother than at the implementation of the new program. Mary said that phlebotomy students had taken a tour of Newborn Screening Lab at the WA ST DOH laboratory in Shoreline today.

A conversation started with WA ST DOH and a committee member asking about Ebola specimens and testing. Shelley Lankford talked about the role that WA ST DOH plays in processing specimens. This made for a lively conversation with members talking about current training and equipment in their clinical laboratory for possible Ebola patient(s) and testing.

Molly Morse reported on 2014 MLT students: 13 graduated in August and 7 will complete practicum training December 2, 2014. All thirteen graduates have taken and passed the MLT (ASCP) certification exam. The minimum passing score was 400 and the national average was 78%. All thirteen graduates passed (100%) with a mean score of 643. Molly updated the committee with the 2015 clinical training facilities. With community support for the MLT Program, we have accepted 22 students and one continuing MLT student for the 2014-2015 academic year. Anne McGrew asked about training rotations for Microbiology. Jackie Degler, PSBC External Training Coordinator, inquired if we had considered training on campus for a Microbiology practicum that would be similar to the Immunohematology training lecture/Lab-Practicum course taught by Puget Sound Blood Center. Molly mentioned that the MLT Program had enough Microbiology training rotations, but if a clinical facility cancelled, we would consider on campus training, and some clinical time in specimen set up and processing in microbiology.

Sue Seegers reported that the MLT Program just received and completed training on the Beckman Coulter ACT 5 Diff. Students are able to see scatter plots and histograms. This analyzer is comparable to analyzers that students would see during practicum training. Molly Morse thanked Dan Fey for the Perkins Funds to upgrade the 10 year old hematology analyzer. Dan Fey asked if there any other equipment needs for the MLT Program. Jackie Degler who teaches immunohematology during summer quarter said that she saw a need to another refrigerator, and air conditioning. Dorothy Canavan asked if it was possible to get portable air conditioning units. Dan Fey said that there still may be funds available for equipment, and Molly said that she would get information on these two equipment items.

Molly Morse reported that a new Dean for Health Occupations / Bus Division has been selected. Cathy Otto, Ph.D, past president of ASCLS and current faculty in Clinical Laboratory Science at Salisbury University in Maryland has accepted the position. She will start after the beginning of 2015.

A tour of the MLT Lab and Phlebotomy Skills lab was requested by committee member. Sue Seegers suggested going to the MLT Lab first. She showed members the Orchard LIS system, and the new Beckman Coulter analyzer.

The meeting dismissed around 5pm.