

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes

February 16, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Industry Attendance:

Tracy Wayman DDS, Evelyn Hobbs RDH, Dr. Aw DDS, Deanna Henrichsen RDH, Fred Quarnstrom DDS, Karina Daily RDH, Leticia Torres RDH, Debbie Puetz RDH, Rachel Munoz RDH

Faculty/Staff/Administrator Attendance:

Mary Burroughs, Dean of Health Occupations & Nursing, Lori Simicich RDH, Nikki Honey DDS, Katie Fleming RDH, Hanna Krupa RDH, Maria Batalia RDH, Lauren Hadley - Director of Workforce

Welcome and Introductions (Lori)

Approved minutes from November 17, 2021

UWSOd Transition – DH faculty & Staff

- Moved into the new clinic by the 2nd week of January, still waiting on X-ray equipment -there are 12 operatories
- The 2nd year students are a reduced class size of 10 – with a faculty ratio of 1-5. Next year an increase of class sizes of 15 for 1st and 2nd year students, and the plan the following year is to accept a class size of 20.
- No Wet Lab yet. Discussion with Hanna for creative ways to compensate for this.
- Simulation labs: D1 – will have partitions so more than one class can hold class in the same space. Virtual reality will eventually go in D1 space. Supposed to house a 30-person lab, to be done over the summer.

Dental Hygiene patients (Katie & Glenda)

- The schedule is very full, and there were no appointments between now and April.
- Glenda has done a stupendous job keeping the schedule full. The strategy is to schedule new patients in with DH students (Mondays or Wednesdays), who can first be scheduled in the screening clinic.
- The students doing an admirable job.
- Added incentives for community outreach are to advertise Light Rail access.
- Many patients have come from SCC.
- Though there is half the class size, Katie is curious what will happen as the numbers increase, but confident that the schedule can remain full.
- UW Staff members are interested in getting their teeth cleaned – so that is nice.
- There is also interest in community outreach utilizing South Seattle Emerald, Shoreline News resources, and a big outreach event with 2nd year UW Students that involved thousands of bags of toothbrushes, etc.

- State Insurance is accessible, and special populations such as the Food Banks, Servers and Restaurant employees can be notified through the Washington Bartender Association Board, putting out notification that there is more affordable dental care for specific populations.
- The same SCC phone number (206 546-4711) went to UW and will ring through to Glenda.

Accreditation Self-Study and Site Visit Update - Lori

Worked like crazy: Ton of work for self-study report. Lori finished writing it, creating supporting docs that go with it, fine tuning it, and submitting doc first week of March 2022. Lori proud of colleagues, and Fred also congratulated the group for the joint effort.

Invitation to Site Visit May 11th Lunch 12:00-1:30 (all meeting members invited), on UW Campus

- The site visitors will be there, Lori can set up a Zoom meeting option as well, for those who can't make it to the UW, but who would like to participate.
- A tour of the clinic can be arranged during that time (the clinic will be named, not sure yet what the title will be, but not B350 clinic)
- Lauren will set a meeting request with a Zoom Address. Lauren said that this may be regarded as a Spring Meeting, instead of the one scheduled.

Updates to BAS degree - Mary, Evelyn, and Katie

- The proposal was put together on time, and Mary submitted it. It was a 70 - page document that addressed all the issues that had been outlined for the proposal.
- Evelyn was able to get University level reviewers (Dental Hygiene Educators) both from Arizona. One is also Program Director for the Idaho State Program talked about as using a potential program for SCC students to move in at the master's level. It was a challenge in the time frame, but they were pleased with the proposal. Mary and Evelyn are looking forward to a very positive outcome, and includes the Statement of Need, which was no comment by from the State Board. When approved by the State Board, then waiting from NWCCU is the organization for the college accreditation, and then finally CODA accreditation as well.
- Looking ahead to Fall 2024 for implementing the BAS degree. The key was to tailor the program using the current/established curriculum, and add a course or two, then beef up the objectives for every course. This approach was a very good for the college, and the response was very positive by the external reviewers. The decision is to happen on May 4-5, 2022.

Applications for fall 2022, Glenda

There are 162 Applications. Great job Glenda! Fourteen students will be admitted (one student returning after medical issues last fall).

Questions and Discussion

Manikins Inquiries: Should and are they used for WREB State Exams?

- They now can be used for some boards for 2nd year students
- Also safer with Covid to use manikins.
- There are not many states that do not accept the use of live patients, for various reasons such as: what if the patient doesn't show up, what if the patient is not accepted, high stress/student, etc.

Inquiry: How does Hygiene handle out of country licenses?

- Shoreline would not accept those exams from out of country, or credits from international colleges.
- UW Dental considers international student credits as prerequisites. There is no bypassing the program.

- WA state suggested a complex Bill (legislative effort) that would have created a category of preventive dental assistants. The bill included many licensed components, beneficial to dentists, but not to the hygienists or patient care. It did not pass.

Discussion about the lack of available hygienists

There are many factors that play into the lack of available hygienists such as: complications due to Covid, difficulty furthering their education due to lack of state funds, finding a safe environment to work, being overworked, Covid, etc.

Inquiry: Has Hygiene School ever considered having a program for Hygiene Assistants?

Lake WA had it, and it's coming back. Assistants are also used to help the hygienists, but the result is a lower wage for the hygienists, a tough sell. Assistants are also lacking in number.

Inquiry: Dr. Honey – how did the Delta Dental matching fundraiser go?

Happy to say the goal was exceeded by approximately a couple thousand dollars.

Next Zoom meeting dates for 2021-22

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Adjournment 8:00 pm

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