

**Medical Laboratory Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018 * 4:00 PM * Room 2346**

Voting Members Present: Jackie Degler, James Nakasone, Mary Rickel (Chair)

Other Members Present: Linda Breiwick, Lauren Hadley, Molly Morse, Mindy Raulston (Faculty Lead), Sue Seegers, Nancy Marshall (minutes)

Voting Members Absent: Roy Antiquiera, Dorothy Canavan, Tina Carpenter, Kristin Engstrom, Kelly Johnson, Shelley Lankford, Anne McGrew, Elizabeth Means, Stephanie Sauber

A quorum of voting members was not present. A completed attendance sheet is attached to these minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM by Chair Mary Rickel. She welcomed committee members and asked for new member introductions. Mindy Raulston, the new Director for the MLT Program, gave a short bio about herself as well as saying a few words about Aparna Sen, the new Dean of Health Occupations, PE & Business. Everyone else present followed with their own introductions. Minutes for the last advisory meeting, held on May 7, 2018, were available for review.

Lauren Hadley, Director, Employee Engagement announced that handbooks are available to Professional-Technical Education Advisory Committee members. She gave a quick recap about expectations for the committee and its members as follows:

- Members are requested to attend a minimum of 2 out of 3 meetings per year. A proxy is allowed if a member is unable to attend.
- Voting cannot take place if a quorum is not present.
- Members can serve up to two 3-year terms, and then will step down.
- Chair and Vice Chair roles will rotate as defined in the handbook. Term limits will be applied. A new Vice Chair is elected at the fall meeting, and will take over as Chair the following year.
- Lauren asked, "What body of work can this committee take on?" Her role is to be the contact to the contacts in the field.

Sue Seegers reported on the 2017 MLT graduates taking the ASCP exam. The ASCP is now reporting only a mean score, without a breakdown between categories as before. Our graduates consistently finish higher than the national average. The ASCP document cannot be published or shared; it can be used within the program for outcomes only.

Mindy reported on the upcoming 2018-19 MLT class of twenty-two students. Of these:

- 21 are full-time; 1 is part-time.
- 16 are female; 6 are male.

- 8 are seeking degrees; 14 are seeking proficiency certificates.
- 60% have bachelor degrees or are bachelor degree ready.

Molly Morse discussed clinical training facilities and rotations for the current 2018-19 class.

An attempt is being made to get more students able to do their clinical rotations in hematology, clinical chemistry, clinical microbiology and phlebotomy all at one facility. Students are assigned on a point system. Those with a higher number of points are assigned to sites in the greater Seattle area. The remainder are assigned to regional facilities, where often the students are hired.

It is challenging to maintain existing sites and get new sites to commit. The following is what has changed in training facilities from the previous year:

- Overlake Hospital and Quest Diagnostics are returning as practicum sites.
- Skagit Valley Hospital clinical laboratory is currently in transition, but it may be back by 2020.
- Peace Health laboratory is now Quest Diagnostics and in transition, so cannot train at this time.
- Department of Health is training 2 students in Microbiology.
- Veterans is taking a four students in microbiology instead of six.
- Columbia Basin Hospital has trained SCC-MLT students in all rotations the last two years. They are returning to train Wenatchee Valley College MLT students following a year of lower enrollment.

Sue reported there are 9 phlebotomy students this quarter. One of these students is a veteran, and two are part of the BFET Program. Usually, two groups of 10 are accepted. Virginia Mason took over the Edmonds Family Practice. Phlebotomy Practicums will take place in winter and summer quarters. Faculty are able to announce jobs to recent graduates.

Sue also discussed the Affective Domain Evaluation Forms for MLT 241 (Hematology), MLT 242 (Chemistry Practicum) and MLT 244 (Microbiology Practicum). These are employer surveys, asking "What did clinical sites say about our students?" The survey results show our students consistently exceed or meet expectations. The specific comments were overwhelmingly positive. There was mention of a language barrier with one student, with the suggestion for additional training time and more work on time management. A copy of the surveys are attached to these minutes.

What's happening in the clinical laboratory medicine community?

- James Nakasone from Swedish Edmonds stated his experience with our students has been good; exceeds expectations. He recommended students be encouraged to get their B.S. degrees as soon as possible. The Swedish Edmonds lab is getting a new hematology analyzer, and will be going from SoftLab to Serna.
- Jackie Degler from Bloodworks Northwest suggested that the "correct way to correct" be reviewed for blood banking; no elimination of original entry allowed. She also mentioned the increasing focus on stem cell therapy.

- Jackie brought information about the new Bloodworks App that can be downloaded and used to set up blood donations, as well as a sheet on Fall Donor Perks.
- Save the Date announcements were circulated for the Bloodworks 5th Annual Northwest Transfusion Symposium, which will take place on September 19, 2019 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon.
- Mary Rickel announced that Northwest Hospital has an opening for a Hematology Supervisor. The lab is getting two new analyzers for coag.
- Northwest Clinical Laboratory at Northwest Hospital will become U of W Medicine by January 2020. UW Lab Medicine hires employees with MLS credentials and does not hire MLTs. SCC-MLT graduates working at Northwest Hospital are completing online MLT to MLS programs.
- Shoreline's MLT maximum enrollment is 24; currently there are 22 students. The number of micro practicums is the limiting factor in accepting students into the MLT Program. There will be rotations in both fall and spring. The focus on PCR is increasing.

Potential dates and times were discussed for the next two advisory committee meetings:

- Monday, February 25, 2019; 4:00 – 5:00 PM.
- Monday, June 10, 2019; 4:00 – 5:00 PM.

Attachments to these minutes:

Agenda

Attendance Sheet

Employer Surveys/Affective Domain Evaluation Forms with Comments

Bloodworks App Information

Bloodworks Fall Donor Perks

Bloodworks Save the Date for 5th Annual Northwest Transfusion Symposium