

MLT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2020 / 4:00 – 5:00 PM / ZOOM MEETING

Members present: Linda Breiwick, Mary Burroughs, Dorothy Canavan, Jackie Degler, Lauren Hadley, Elizabeth Means, Shelly Lankford, Molly Morse, and Sue Seegers.

Sue Seegers welcomed committee members and introductions were made.

COVID19 impacts on college and clinical training: Mary Burroughs, Dean Health Occupations, spoke of the impacts on the college due to COVID19 restrictions. All Shoreline courses were put online the last few weeks of winter quarter. All lecture courses were changed to online courses for spring with a few exceptions for workforce training programs which require hands on laboratories. MLT 181 and 182 Introduction courses were taught completely online for spring. There was mandatory student training given by the college the first week of spring quarter to help students adapt to the new learning environment.

Mary Burroughs gave information on 1.2 million federal dollars available for student support and 1.4 million allocation for expenses for COVID19

Linda Breiwick talked about not having clinical visitations the first clinical rotation with students. Students did phone or zoom meetings with instructors. Faculty were able to visit some student during rotations two and three.

Summer courses will be online except for a few workforce training programs. MLT 245 Immunohematology will be taught on campus. The lecture portion will be online and labs were moved to the microbiology lab, which we were able to set up with 6-foot social distancing. Students will be required to check in daily, safety information will be supplied and temperatures will be checked. Students will be required to wear facemasks and faceshields for the laboratory course. There will be 9 students in the morning lab and 8 in the afternoon lab. Classes meet Tuesday through Thursday for 6 weeks. Jackie worked with Amy Rovner, Elearning to help with online support for immunohematology.

Fall lecture courses will also be online with the MLT labs in Hematology, Immunology and parasitology taught on campus within social distancing guidelines.

MLT Scholarships: Linda Breiwick stated that there were two \$1,500 scholarships given to students this spring. The Linda Breiwick MLT Program Student Scholarship is run through the Shoreline CC Foundation. This year students applied in February and were notified in March so that they could use scholarship funds for Spring, Summer or Fall quarters.

2020-2021 MLT Applicants: Sue Seegers said that there were about 30 applicants for next year. Our priority will be seeing that the current class has completed practicum training. Notification will be delayed to August this year.

MLT Graduate Surveys: Sue Seegers presented information on MLT graduate surveys from 2017-2018 classes. Students were able to find jobs in 1- 6 months, and most had full time jobs. There were a few who had not secured employment yet due to the COVID 19 outbreak. Salaries for 2017-2018 ranged from \$21 - \$24/hr. Salaries for 2018-2019 ranged from \$22 - \$27/hr.

Phlebotomy Program closed: Phlebotomy Program closure was due to budget considerations of the college before the COVID outbreak. The program was a 2-quarter program. Students took lecture and laboratory courses the first quarter and the second quarter trained for 4 weeks at a clinical facility. Students completing this program were eligible to apply for WA ST DOH MA-Phlebotomist Certification.

The MLT Program will still offer phlebotomy courses to MLT students: Phlebotomy Skills and a one-week phlebotomy practicum.

Community updates: Elizabeth Means said that Overlake Medical Center laboratory will be moving to a new space in January 2021. Jackie stated that there have been layoffs and furloughs at BloodWorks NW

2020 Clinical rotation information: Molly updated the committee on clinical practicum rotations. Many of the rotations were cancelled or postponed Spring 2020. Molly has worked with clinical sites to try to secure training in the fall for students whose rotations were cancelled. Only 4 students were able to complete their full rotations this spring. Three students were able to start partial rotations in June. We have a total of 18 students in the 2019-2020 class.

NAACLS Accreditation and update on Program Director: Molly has extended her Interim Program Director status for a year. She is working on our intermediate 5-year accreditation information for NAACLS.

MLT Program Director Position: The college will be posting in January 2021 for a permanent MLT Program Director. The person needs a master's degree and MLS (ASCP) certification with experience. Molly and Sue revised the job description to highlight director duties. It was previously listed as an instructor/director.

DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS CONCERNING IDEAS FOR CLINICAL TRAINING GOING FORWARD.

- Dorothy Canavan suggested contacting lab managers, maybe with a survey. The subject discussed was the possibility of reducing clinical training time to have more flexibility in scheduling and schedule another rotation during spring or fall rotations.
- Shelley Lankford reported that WA ST DOH has been busy with COVID 19 response. She mentioned that there were 20 COVID 19 jobs.
- Molly Morse attended CLEC and many of the talks were concerning clinical rotations. She suggested changing some of the rotations from 4 weeks to 3 weeks and giving the students online work. This would allow an additional rotation in spring and fall at each facility if they would train students for 3 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm