

Medical Laboratory Technology Program

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 pm-6:30 pm Room 9202

Voting Members Present: Roy Antiquiera, Tina Carpenter, Jackie Degler, Anne McGrew, Elizabeth Means Ziemianski Other Members Present: Mindy Raulston, Sue Seegers

Voting Members Absent: Dorothy Canavan, Kristin Engstrom, Kelly Johnson, Shelley Lankford, Mary Rickel (Chair), James Nakasone, Stephanie Sauber. Linda Breiwick (voting status to be confirmed) also not present

A quorum of voting members was not present. A completed attendance sheet is attached to the minutes. Faculty Emeritus Molly Morse was not present per retirement protocol. Lauren Hadley was not present, yet was informed and ok with the meeting arrangement. Acting Dean Mary Burroughs was away from campus, yet, approved this meeting time for Fall once all parties agreed the time for a meeting was right.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm and immediately following the 2019 Advisory Kick-off meeting at Shoreline Community College. The meeting was called to order by Mindy Raulston and Sue Seegers. Mindy and Sue welcomed committee members and noted all introductions had taken place during the kick-off event. Minutes for the last advisory meeting, held Monday, October 29, 2018, 4:00 pm, Shoreline Community College, were made available prior to this meeting.

Lauren Hadley, Director of Employee Engagement and Atsuko Donovan, Administrative Assistant, Workforce Administration, were not at the meeting, yet made certain to recap expectations to set the next two meeting dates. Lauren and Atsuko did express willingness to support committee meetings via correspondence with committee members.

Mindy and Sue reported general and collective detail about the 2019 MLT graduates who are working on completing the ASCP exam. The ASCP individual scores were not discussed, yet collective data about scores was highlighted in that seven Spring graduates have taken and passed the ASCP exam and more students are registering to complete the exam this quarter. Shoreline graduates consistently excel at completing and passing the exam. The ASCP exam document cannot be published or shared at advisory meetings; some general data from the report can be used within the program for outcome works.

Mindy and Sue reported on the upcoming 2019-2020 MLT class of eighteen students. Of these, seventeen students are full-time students and one individual is a part-time student. Mindy and Sue discussed student goals and challenges. Mindy and Sue discussed clinical training facilities and rotations for the current fall class and the 2019-2020 class.

An attempt is being made to find more chemistry clinical rotation sites as Northwest Hospital, Western Washington Medical Group in Everett, WA, and Swedish on Minor and James are no longer training sites for rotations. Swedish Ballard did not have a chemistry rotation for 2020, yet might again have the opportunity and ability at a different time. There is potential for lab clinical instructors at Northwest to maybe train at a different time and after transitions happen at that site.

Students are assigned to available and scheduled clinical sights on a point system. Many applicants are close in points and over 50% hold bachelor degrees. Students with the higher number of points are assigned to sites in the greater Seattle area. Regional facilities also train. Port Angeles, WA, for example, is a regional site (with Olympic Hospital lab clinical instructors for hematology, chemistry and microbiology) that is training MLT students in 2020.

A challenge exists in maintaining many sites and to get new sites to commit, yet, training sites that are not in transition generally do train each year. Some sites train both fall and spring rotations. Sue and Mindy also reported that phlebotomy sites are in place for 2019-2020 students. Mindy and Sue noted that two MLT students in the 2019-2020 class are already phlebotomists.

Sue and Mindy discussed the change in Dean from Dr. Aparna Sen to Acting Dean Administrator Mary Burroughs and Acting Dean for Business Kyle Winslow. Sue and Mindy discussed upcoming changes in work roles with MLT faculty and staff. Angie Carranza, MLT Coordinator through late Spring 2019, is not at Shoreline Community College and the coordinator position is currently posted by Shoreline Human Resources as a temporary position. A temporary assistant, Stephanie Follansbee-Barnes, is helping to cover Angie's workload. Administrators and Staff with Shoreline Community College Human Resources have also recently posted an opening for part-time MLT faculty at Shoreline Community College.

Support for cause and plans for a new MLT lab were briefly discussed.

Tina Carpenter expressed positive ideas that could help MLT students with bachelor degrees transition into lighter cost of money while in pursuit of MLT certificates. Grants were suggested as a potential way to explore this idea. Action: Revisit this idea as awareness of opportunity increases.

Jackie Degler mentioned that Bloodworks Northwest is hiring techs. Action: Forward this update to new MLT people.

Elizabeth Means Ziemianski expressed possible work for techs. Action: Follow-up with any forwards that come to the school and pass them to MLT people.

Roy Antiquiera expressed positive words about Shoreline MLT students who train with lab instructors at Polyclinic in Chemistry and Hematology rotations. Action: Keep sending students who are eager to train and learn.

Anne McGrew expressed that training is happening at LabCorp and that there were supplies for the MLT program available free and for student use. Action: Continue training works and enjoy the donated supplies that enhance lab classes.

Potential dates and times were discussed for the next two advisory committee meetings: Winter, Feb. 26, 2020 Room 2346, 4:30 pm is a set tentative meeting time. A Spring/Summer goal remains to be determined for a timeframe in June 2020, Room 2346. Action: Confirm these dates closer to meeting time and amend as needed. Confirm room availability and reserve the room. Note: Zoom meeting options were discussed and preference was overall expressed as the desire for on-campus meetings.

Attachments to these minutes:

Agenda and Meeting Room Detail

Attendance Sheet and Previous Minutes from Prior Meeting