

MLT Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Shoreline Community College

May 24, 2021

Committee Chair, Mary Rickel, opened the meeting at 4:05 pm. The meeting was held virtually by a zoom conference.

Minutes of the November 23, 2020 MLT Program Advisory meeting were discussed and approved.

MLT Program Reports and Updates:

- Linda Breiwick announced that two-\$1,500 scholarships would be awarded through the Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship fund in the Shoreline CC Foundation. MLT student, Hyun Kim, was awarded one of the MLT scholarships. It was planned that the scholarship to be available to student for Spring quarter and this is earlier than other Foundation scholarships are awarded. The scholarships were posted in April with SCC Foundation scholarships.
- Molly Morse, MLT Program Director announced that the current MLT class is 12 students due to social distancing guidelines for the laboratory. Lecture courses are online, and laboratory courses meet once a week and on day online. Six students will graduate Su21 and seven students will graduate Fa21.
- Mary Burroughs announced that
 - the college was in the process of searching for a new MLT Program Director and MLT tenure track faculty position. Molly Morse and Sue Seegers would be retiring, and new faculty would start Fall quarter 2021.
 - Regarding COVID, the college was waiting for the Governor's release of new proclamations for moving to phase and how that translates to higher education. She was hopeful that Fall quarter would feel different in the classroom. That Six foot distancing would be decreased and we would be able to increase the number of students in on campus labs. Many lecture or theory courses were hybrid or online totally. There are only 17 rooms on campus that can fit 30-40 students for lecture.
 - SCC will be building a the new STEM and Advanced Manufacturing building. Starting June 23, 2021, the current Dental Hygiene and Manufacturing building will be demolished, and a new building constructed on this footprint. The building will provide teaching and services to 800 students.
- Sue Seegers showed a map of the plans for the new building with space for the MLT Lab, a phlebotomy area and storage area on the third floor. The lab will be a corner room next to stairs and an elevator and scheduled to open in late 2023.
- Mary Burroughs mentioned the possibility of IBest supporting a phlebotomy program. The phlebotomy program was closed when the school budget was evaluated during COVID. Budget is currently stable.

- Lauren Hadley announced that Workplace Education would be redesigning general outcomes and wants the professional technical side or viewpoint. Requests for input will come with more details. Questions she gave us to consider are the following:
 - What do you want students to know and be able to do outside the technical skills they learn in their program?
 - Can you provide specific examples or scenarios in which employees live up to expectations related to that outcome and when they do not?

Announcement:

Mary Burroughs announced that the MLT Program received NAACLS approval of the 5-year interim report. The next self-study NAACLS accreditation report will be due October 2024.

Jackie Degler from Bloodworks Northwest reported that they are focused on COVID and making necessary changes.

Dorothy Canavan announced that CLAC/ Clinical Laboratory Advisory Council thought Washington State Department of Health was having their annual November meeting. Dorothy said that she would email more details about the conference and conference registration. The conference will be virtual and is usually held at the Tukwila Golf Course. Dorothy mentioned that Chuck Talbot from WA ST DOH reported at this time that only 4% of cases (COVID) have been sequenced. Chuck Talbot is the program planning chair for the CLAC conference.

A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

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