

Shoreline MLT Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes- May 16, 2016

Present: Dorothy Canavan, Kelly Johnson, Shelley Lankford, Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Mary Rickel, Linda Breiwick and Cathy Otto.

Absent: Soraya Aalami, Roy Antiquiera, Tina Carpenter, Jackie Degler, Kristin Engstrom, Anne McGrew, James Nakasone and Savena Garrett.

Mary Rickel, Chair, opened the meeting at 4:05pm. The minutes from the last meeting on November 16, 2015 were read and approved. One question addressed from the minutes was including more QC and QA and classroom activities. Both Sue and Molly said that they have made changes this last year. Molly included more specific reference to QC in Microbiology procedures, and Sue said that she is planning activities for next year's classes.

Cathy Otto asked if any MLT students had ever applied to ASCLS – Alpha Mu Tau scholarships. She said that \$40,000 in scholarship money was awarded this spring. Molly said that a class announcement was made, and recommended mentoring students through the process.

Dorothy Canavan asked if LabCorp was still offering tuition reimbursement to MLT students. Sue reported that LabCorp employees have gone through the MLT Program in the last 3-4 years and have used employee tuition reimbursement programs. This has been beneficial to students to work in a clinical laboratory, continue working and have tuition reimbursement.

Mary Rickel and Molly Morse announced that one \$1,500 Linda Breiwick-MLT Program Scholarship will be awarded this year. Sue Seegers mentioned that the scholarship was for currently enrolled MLT students, and the scholarship would pay tuition and books for summer and / or fall quarter. The student awarded the scholarship will complete practicum training Fall 2016.

Mary Rickel reported that nine students are currently enrolled in the Phlebotomy Program, and will go to practicum training Summer Qtr 2016. Dorothy asked Mary if she could compare the Shoreline CC-Phlebotomy Program to other local programs. Mary reported that the Shoreline program has fewer prerequisite courses, includes POC and a 4 week training. She expects students to perform up to 200 venipuncture procedures which may be criteria for employer screening for hiring. Kelly Johnson who has taught in both the Shoreline and EdCC programs said that Shoreline had few prerequisite courses, but he felt Shoreline students were prepared. Mary thought that another program may spend more time on helping students become employed. However, Mary said that Shoreline phlebotomy graduates were getting jobs. Some resume and job interview presentations are included in the program.

The National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science accreditation site visit was completed on March 3, 2016. The NAACLS site visitors meet with MLT students and graduates and later in the afternoon, met with the MLT Program Advisory Committee. Molly Morse reported that there were not deficiencies noted. NAACLS would review site visit reports in July and send notification letters late September or October. Sue Seegers reviewed the MLT Program page and display of program statistics

for three years on graduations, BOC exam pass rate and employment. These statistics are required by NAACLS.

The last Linda Breiwick -MLT Program Scholarship event was in April 2013. Molly announced that we were in the beginning planning stages of another event. The date has been set for Sat., Oct. 22, 2016 in the small dining room in the PUB on campus. Dorothy Canavan asked if the committee needed or wanted any help planning. Molly said that she will ask for graduate volunteers too.

Cathy Otto, Dean-Health Occupation, PE & Bus, reported a new allocation model for the college. International student numbers will not be included in student registration numbers and would not be included in the full time student equivalent numbers used in biennium base calculations. The student enrollment would need to increase about 500/ year to compensate for the change in funding.

The proposed plans for replacement of Health Occupations & Science bldg. is still in the early planning stages. The next step would be funding for an architecture plan. She said that a new building if approved would be in the 2020's.

Molly asked Shelley Lankford about the FDA inspection which at the same time as the Shoreline NAACLS site visit. Kelly Johnson mentioned that his workplace was busy.