DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Date: May 12, 2010  Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm  Location: Room 2513

Industry Attendance:
Deborah Chiu, RDH, Tasia Harper, RDH, Clydene Evens-Wenzel, RDH, Brian Williams, DDS, Amy Winston, DDS

Faculty/Staff Attendance:
Marianne Baker, RDH, Rosie Bellert, RDH, Melinda Lane, RDH, Tricia Noreus, RDH, Gillian Lewis

Enrollment:
First-year enrollment remains optimal with 24 students. Second-year however, has lost 2 students dropping the total number of students to 22.

Personnel:
- Barb Little is retiring as of May 31, 2010. Due to the hiring freeze, a replacement for Barb will not be hired. (Barb was on medical leave for 8 weeks. During that time we hired an hourly person named Kim McLaren to do the work that Barb usually does with the application process.) Kim is a recent grad who is working temporary jobs. Her computer skills are excellent as are her organizational skills. She is now writing documentation for the entire application process. She will stay on as an hourly 1 day per week.
- Marianne Baker is retiring on August 12, 2010.
- There is an announcement posted for the full-time position that will be vacant.
- Rosie Bellert will be the interim director.
- Melinda Lane and Rosie Bellert have both been promoted to “Professor”.
- Kellee Moore, who began teaching spring 2009, has been on medical leave most of this quarter. She wants to return soon. Two second-year clinical instructors have been very graciously filling in for her.

Boards:
National Board
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Restorative Board
We had 6 failures with the restorative boards. This works out to 72.7% passing rate. As bad as this sounds, 72% is a higher passing rate than most of the schools in the state. (The overall passing rate for the state was 52%) The director’s have written a letter to WREB requesting a review of their procedures, criteria, and calibration. In their answer to us, they stated that there was no error in any aspect of the exam.
Local Anesthetic board
One student failed the written and thus was not allowed to take the clinical portion.

Prophy Board
As of this date, only 7 students have found suitable patients for the boards.

Equipment and Supplies:
Equipment received in Dental Hygiene for 2009-2010 fiscal year:

- Perioscope fiber optic  $1,441.00
- (2) Bison 5 operatory vacuum system $ 23,521.34
- (6) Cavitron inserts $307.50
- (4 pkgs) Cavitron Handpieces $ 1,408.00
- (4) Highspeed handpieces, (4) slowspeed motors and swivel attachments $3,505.28
- (9) New Computers (Dentrix capable) $8,109.74
- Two Laptops and Pact_One computer support plan $8,305.03
- (4) associate faculty computers (provided by TSS)

Educators’ conference:
The NW DH Educators’ Conference was held on campus April 9 and 10, 2010. The theme was: The 21st century Dental Hygiene Professional. The sub theme was special needs patients. Britt Yamomoto was the keynote speaker. His area of expertise topic is service learning. He delivered a very good introduction to the topic and conducted a lively hour of audience participation.

Dr. Bill Osmunson presented an alternate view of fluoride.

Kimberly Huggens presented her work with the Washington State Department of Oral Health to improve access to care for people with special needs. Fact sheets were developed which will be available to educators for curriculum use and CE courses.

TalEval:
TalEval (web based) is being used for clinical grading. Faculty are getting used to the grading format.

Discussion Items:

Kidney Dialysis patients:
Several patients referred from Seattle Special Dentistry, NW Kidney Centers and SKCDS have had their "prophies" completed by second year students and are now eligible for the kidney transplant list. Amy asked for Hygienists to volunteer in her office to treat the patients who cannot be treated here. Marianne volunteered to contact WSDHA and talk with Gene Patterson regarding placing an announcement on the website.

Updated Clinic:
In response to Brian’s inquiry about the prospects of a new building, Gillian stated that a new Health Occupations building is on the top of the list for future campus projects.
Next Director:
Gillian explained the process the campus employs to select directors of Health Occupations programs.

Application Process:
Marianne explained the changes that were made to the applicant interview process as a result of committee discussions last fall. We thank the committee for all of the assistance in making the interview process a better process.

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Gillian suggested that we should consider creating our own board review course and it could possibly be a money generation course.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled October 13 or 20, 2010, 6:30 -8:00. The date can be finalized by sending a “make a meeting” notice.