MLT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Shoreline Community College
Tuesday, February 21, 2006
2300 Health Occupations Building

Present: Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Dorothy Canavan, Roxanne (Ketch) Gary, Lynn Emmert, Gillian Lewis, Berta Lloyd

Roxanne Gary was selected MLT Advisory Committee Chair for 2005-2006.

Molly Morse reviewed the website for MLT Advisory postings of agenda and minutes. [http://success.shoreline.edu/proftech/](http://success.shoreline.edu/proftech/)

Gillian Lewis spoke on the decreasing enrollment at the college and the impact of budget cuts at Shoreline Community College. Discussion was held on ways to acquire more clinical sites so that the MLT Program may accept more students. Molly and Sue will travel to new places this spring to try an increase the number of clinical sites.

MLT Program faculty will see if current training sites might be able to train MLT students Fall quarter to increase the number of students admitted. We currently send MLT students to clinical practicum training during spring quarter.

Lynn Emmert spoke about Renton Technical College’s MLT Program and will clarify whether or not their program is an associate degree program or certificate program. The Renton Technical College MLT Program could have an effect on the number of clinical sites available for our program.

Molly presented a table with information on the 2005 MLT graduates. Information included summary of MLT Graduate Surveys, class statistics and national certification examination pass/fail tally. Six students have taken the CLT(NCA) exam and passed. Thirteen students have taken the MLT(ASCP) exam and eleven have passed. One of the two students not passing did pass the CLT(NCA) exam. Seven students responded to the graduate survey and 6 of the 7 are employed. Students felt prepared for their jobs. They indicated that they would like more laboratory time and less lecture time. Starting salaries ranged from $16.00 - $22.00/hour.

Sue spoke about changes in MLT 214 and 215 Phlebotomy classes. Beginning Fall 2006 students will be required to complete MLT 214 the quarter before signing up for 215, and train in a 40 hour week to complete their phlebotomy practicum. MLT 215 will be added to the 2006 summer quarter classes offered. Students receive a “Certificate of Completion” when successfully completing MLT 214, 215, and 216. MLT 216 is the AIDS Education for Healthcare Workers class.
Dorothy Canavan brought up the question “how many blood draws are required during the Phlebotomy Practicum?” Sue said that the number of venipunctures will vary depending on the facility, but students should expect to perform 100-150 venipunctures in the one week practicum class. Dorothy mentioned that Dynacare Human Resources required 250 blood draws before interviewing a phlebotomy applicant for a position. The committee thought that 250 blood draws was a high expectation even for a student in a three practicum training.

*Molly and Sue thanked everyone for their support this year and acknowledged the many donations received from clinical facilities. Letters are sent to clinical facilities acknowledging and thanking them for their donation.
*The MLT Program was able to purchase 12 new microscopes for the student laboratory with money from the Professional/Technical Program.
*We reported that two MLT Program students are recipients of the LabCorp Tuition Reimbursement Program. We thanked Dorothy for Dynacare Laboratory’s help in supporting students in the MLT Program.

Sue is conducting MLT Program Informational Meetings winter and spring quarters. The HOPE Advisor is available at these meetings to go over student transcripts and answer questions concerning general education requirements for the MLT Program. Sue mentioned the handout “Interested in a Healthcare Career” with Winter Quarter schedule for information meetings for all healthcare programs at Shoreline Comm. College. Lynn and Dorothy asked if we could send the quarterly schedule to the MLT Advisory Committee.

**Action Items:**
1. Molly and Sue will see that the quarterly healthcare information meeting schedule is sent electronically to MLT Program Advisory Committee members.
2. The membership list and contact information will be updated and sent electronically to MLT Program Committee members.
3. Molly will contact Rory Hollins in HR at Puget Sound Blood Center. Ann Sauget has recommended Rory as her replacement on the committee.

**Agenda items for the next meeting:**
1. Review article concerning Attrition rates for MLT students. (“Laboratory Managers’ Views on Attrition and Retention of Laboratory Personnel,” CLS, vol 18, no 4, Fall 2005).
2. Sue will report on her talk to students in the Edmonds Community College laboratory Assistant Program
2. Lynn Emmert will get clarification concerning Renton Technical College MLT Program as to whether it is a Certificate or Degree program.
4. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13, 2006, 4:30-5:30pm**, in the Health Occupations Building.