MLT ADVISORY MEETING  
October 6, 2008  
5-6pm

The meeting was called to order by Roxann Gary at 5:05pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Roxann Gary, Dorothy Canavan, Gillian Lewis, Berta Lloyd, James Nakasone

MINUTES:
A MOTION WAS MADE BY Roxann and seconded by Dorothy to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting with a minor correction.

DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE – “Labs coming up short in finding new talent”
Roxann read some excerpts from this article and it was noted that the perception was that the National organizations did not do enough so help in this area. It was noted that the following things are done by ASCLS Washington.
   1. Continuing education
   2. Funding of student memberships
   3. Student scholarships
   4. CLAC – educators get together to discuss improvement in programs
   5. Clinical site coordinators get together to discuss programs
   6. ASCLS has a leadership Academy

WHAT YOU CAN DO ARTICLE
This article on the workforce shortage was given out to members to read. One important area for clinical sites and programs is for sites to support the local programs and train students for the workforce. The more clinical sites we obtain the more students we can put through the program.

ASCP/NCA
ASCP and NCA are in the beginning stages of combining their certification programs so that all students will have the same certification. This will alleviate some of the problems as to the differences in requirements for each certification and all students will be equally qualified for job positions.

PHLEBOTOMY
Sue stated that we had 9 phlebotomy students this quarter. We are limited in the number of clinical sties and the fact that we now have students out for 4 weeks and also competition from other schools in the area for clinical placements. Students from the last quarter have been able to get employment with the addition of the increased clinical training.
PSBC had students from high schools and ESL students from Highline come and tour the PSBC. These students are just beginning their studies as phlebotomists and were very interested in the blood center.

NAACLS SELF STUDY
Molly stated that we are almost done with our Self Study document for Accreditation which is due November 11, 2008. We had some problems getting Continuing Education from trainers but this area is nearly complete. NAACLS will be coming for a site visit in the spring.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
James talked about how Stevens Hospital was impressed with the two students they had this year and hope to employ one of them.

CLASS OF 2009
We accepted 22 students for the 2008-2009 year. Four students dropped out after acceptance due to financial or family reasons, but hope to reapply next year.

FEEDBACK TASK FORCE
We need to put together a group of Advisory Committee members to do an external review of the program. They would need to meet with student and clinical coordinators to review program outcomes. We will work on this in the next year.

Molly thanked the members of the committee who read the student essays this year’s MLT Program applications.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.