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MLT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday October 25, 2006
4:30-5:30pm

Present: Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Roxann Gary, Lynn Emmert, Rory Hollins, Berta Lloyd, Dorothy Canavan, Gail Neuenschwander, Kristin Engstrom

Program Chair: Roxann Gary

Welcome to Kirstin Engstrom who is substituting for Lynh Lee’s from Pacific Physicians Laboratory (PPL) in Edmonds.

A motion was made by Lynn Emmert and seconded by Kirsten (?) to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting.

Continued discussion was held concerning attrition and retention of MLT’s in the workplace. Many members felt that they did not see a higher attrition rate in this area. Most concerns seems to be about expectations of two year vs 4 year techs. Most clinical sites in this area allow both MLT’s and MT’s to perform the same work.

Molly and Berta spoke about the WorkKeys assessment program. Molly stated that Shoreline’s MLT Program will require students to take 2-3 assessments for “Soft Skills” as this is the area that seems to be of concern to employers. Roxanne asked committee members go to the website at www.workkeys.com and see what information is available and test it out.

Sue updated the members on the new Laboratory Basics course which she is developing to give students a more general idea of the workings of a laboratory. This class will also focus on “Soft Skills”. Generally, working with others, teamwork, self discipline, ethical and safety issues etc. Shoreline is also looking at a new program “SoftChalk” which will allow us to have more interactive online lectures for many of our lecture classes. If we are able to purchase this software then we will try it out for this new class.

The members discussed ethical issues concerning MLT students. There was an issue last year of a student who cheated and falsified laboratory results in the student lab. Changes are being made to the student handbook to give us a step by step procedure to follow in dealing with these students. The Student Dismissal procedure was reviewed by Health Occupations Division Dean and the Attorney General. Program Directors can recommend student dismissal to the Division Dean.

We currently have 27 students (24 full time) and 3 part time students. We were able to admit more students this year by having clinical practicums in both Spring and Fall quarter.
It is challenging getting clinical sites and this change was one way we could expand practicum training numbers. Some clinical sites were willing to train students during the Fall as well as the Spring. We were able to admit about 6 more student than we would have been otherwise able to admit.

Molly handed out a copy of the Clinical Affiliate Survey and asked for suggestions from the committee. The form will be changed to reflect member ideas and then sent to Clinical Facilities in November.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40pm

Action Items:
1. Review the WorkKeys website at www.workkeys.com
2. Forward your WorkKeys recommendations for MLT and Phlebotomy students to Molly Morse at mmorse@shoreline.edu
3. Forward suggestion or changes on the Clinical Site Survey form to Molly Morse.
4. Next meeting will be scheduled sometime between May 16-30, 2007. Agenda items will include:
   b. Report on the number of student applicants and clinical training sites
   c. Summary of MLT/CLT certification exam scores.
   d. Report on Graduate Surveys and Clinical Site Surveys

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