

DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – November 30, 2007 @ 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Duncan – Chairperson, Dr. Coury, Robin Herring, Janice Snyder, Lindsey Di George – Student Rep., Gail Tipton.

Ex-Officio's Present: Donna Cleere – Program Director, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney, Dr. Fowler, Jane McFarland, Dr. Henderson, Jnita Collins, Stephanie Lindsey, Lynette Hayhurst, Karen Lester.

1. Welcome – Dr. Duncan, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 30, 2006, were approved as written.
3. Continuing HealthCare Education – Absent. However, Ms. Cleere said that there will be a couple of workshops next February and March.
4. Student Representative – Ms. Di George is a senior this year and she loves the program! She said that the instructors motivate the class and are very helpful. She went to Nicaragua and had a great time. It was a learning experience, one that she will never forget. Ms. Di George is from Colorado and has plans to move back there once she graduates from the program.
5. Program Director Report – Ms. Cleere thanked the dental community and everyone for all their support during the bond election – it passed! The bond money will provide a new clinic for the program. It will be housed in the new 60,000 sq. ft. three-story Health Science building that will be built behind the Allied Health Building. Currently, she is working with Eagle Software that will assist in the front office, dental charting, record keeping and chair side. The sophomore students have completed 40-50 case studies so far. The students have also taken two WREB mock boards. There are 100+ applicants for the program and out of that 55 applicants will go through an interview and that number will be narrowed down to 28 incoming students for the fall semester.
6. First Year Student Report – Ms. Collins reported that there are 27 freshmen students – the program lost one student due to personal problems. They are doing well! There are two males students in the program this year.
7. Second Year Student Report – Ms. McFarland reported that there are 27 sophomore students and all doing very well. In the spring the students will have a clinic mock board. Ms. McFarland took 11 students to Nicaragua and they saw over 350 children in a one week period.
8. Other Business – Ms. Lester, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Cleere took some students to Hereford to participate in the weekend long Texas Mission of Mercy project - she showed a short power point presentation.

Dr. Fowler was very proud of the students and very glad that they get exposure to the VA hospital dental clinic and hopes that they continue to participate in that learning experience.

Ms. Cleere thanked everyone for their continued support of the program.

9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant
