

DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – November 3, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Harrison – Chairperson, Dr. Duncan, Tamera Baskett, Dr. Fowler, Kim Roten, Kathy Unruh, Janessa Meeks

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Donna Cleere, Jane McFarland, Karen Lester, Lynette Hayhurst, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney, Dr. Henderson, Pilar Suarez, Stephanie Jenkins

1. Welcome – Dr. Harrison, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the 12/9/05 meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Healthcare – Suarez reported that a dental workshop will be held on Friday, January 12, 2007, with Dr. Cooley, and presented by the Panhandle Academy of General Dentistry. It is mainly for Dental Assistants who need to take their radiology, infection control, and jurisprudence exams.
4. Student Representative Report – Unruh reported that the sophomores are seeing patients on a daily basis and getting ready to take their Board Exam. Meeks reported that she went to Nicaragua with some of the other students and two faculty members and it was quite a learning experience. They really appreciated the extra cavitron unit! Both students enjoy the program, and have learned so much and are still learning. They did say that it was too crowded in the clinic and there were some safety issues with all of the hoses, and tubes on the floor. Crawford reported a few years back a student was cleaning a patient's teeth and as the student rolled back in her chair, she fell and broke her arm. Also, the clinic is not conducive to serving patients in wheelchairs because of all the hoses and tubes on the floor. Another safety issue is the aerosols in the air. Because the dental chairs are so close together, patients and hygienist breathe each others aerosols.
5. Director's Report – Cleere reported that there are 28 freshmen and 29 sophomores. The students are doing very well. Mock Boards will be held this month. The sophomores will take their written boards in March and their clinic boards in April & May. Thirteen students and 2 instructors (Cleere & McFarland) went to Nicaragua in October on a medical mission trip and it was quite an experience to work without electricity, running water and sitting in lawn chairs while cleaning teeth. The program currently offers an "internal" Nutrition course, taught by dental hygiene faculty. It was being considered having the students take the "institutional" Nutrition course, taught at the Washington Campus. However, after much discussion with the advisory members, it was thought that in the best interest of the students, the course should probably stay within the dental hygiene curriculum.
6. Faculty & Staff Reports – McFarland reported that the freshmen students are doing well. They will begin their clinic rotation in January. Crawford gave McFarland a big thank-you for picking up extra classes this fall due to a faculty member out for a family emergency. Dr. Henderson said that the faculty and staff have adjusted well and is very proud of them and all the students. Lester showed a short slide show on the students and a few of their Outreach Projects. The students, along with Ms. Lester, visited Panhandle Assessment Center, and Jan Warner's Adult Day Care.
7. Other Business - Dr. Fowler stated that he is a graduate at Amarillo College and this is where he learned to study. He went on to further his education to become a dentist. He is very proud to be a part of the dental clinic and extremely shocked with how good of a program AC has with such limited facilities. He said that he's very proud of the students, faculty and the dental school. Cleere reported that the program received a new X-Ray machine but are in need of an autoclave. Dr. Harrison asked Cleere to get with him to discuss the autoclave situation. Cleere thanked Dr. Duncan for arranging the donation of the ultrasonic units and is appreciative of all the support that the program gets from the dental community.
8. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.