

## DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – December 9, 2005

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Duncan – Chairperson, Dr. Coury, Gail Tipton, Robin Herring, Dr. Woodburn, Janice Snyder, Leticia Hernandez.

**EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT:** Donna Cleere, Jane McFarland, Karen Lester, Lynette Hayhurst, Susan McClure, Bill Crawford, Jnita Collins.

1. Welcome – Dr. Duncan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the 12/2/04 meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care – Absent
4. Allied Health & Nursing Counselor – Ms. McClure reported that spring registration has started. Amarillo College will be trying something different this spring. It is called “Learning Community”. What this does is allows the student to take Speech, English, and Anatomy & Physiology I at the same time, in the same class room (all three instructors come to the student) and the classes are intertwined. The only drawback is that if a student drops one class they must drop all three. Dr. Duncan asked if the students have an option to take these classes one at a time. Yes. The student does not have to participate in the Learning Community.
5. Student Representative – Ms. Hernandez reported on her mission trip to Nicaragua in November for 10 days. Ms. Hernandez and 11 other students went along with two faculty members. The sophomores will take the WREB in April. Ms. McFarland would like to make a plea to the area dentists and ask for their support with providing an extra Cavitron to take next year to Nicaragua. Dr. Coury asked McFarland to email him with this request.
6. Director's Report – Ms. Cleere reported that there are 29 sophomores, and 29 freshman. The sophomore students will have a lighter schedule in the spring as far as bookwork goes. They will be in the clinic more, and review in January (two mock boards) for their Boards in March. It was asked if there were any jobs in Amarillo, and Cleere reported that Amarillo and Lubbock area are getting saturated. The freshman are doing well. Approximately half of the class is from the bordering states of Texas. The other half of the class is from Amarillo and the surrounding Panhandle area. There is one male student in the class from El Paso.

Mr. Crawford talked to the committee about the prospect of a “new” dental clinic. There is a building at West Campus that was used to teach automotive technology and is now vacant. The plan is to renovate that building and turn half of it into a dental clinic and the other half as a nursing resource center. Cleere and her staff hope to be involved in the plans. Cleere also stated that she would be calling on the advisory committee for their input too.

9. Karen Lester & Lynette Hayhurst – Ms. Lester showed everyone a slide show of the student's community service at Faith City Mission helping homeless children. They also went to the Vega Health Fair and screened well over 100 children at Vega High School. They also went to Panhandle Assessment Center (PAC). Ms. Hayhurst enjoyed the mission trip and would like to take more students and more Cavitrons next year!
10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.

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