

DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – November 21, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Coury – Chairperson, Gail Tipton, Tamera Baskett, Dr. Harrison, Janice Snyder, Thomas Lamborn.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Donna Cleere, Jane McFarland, Jnita Collins, Dr. Henderson, Lynette Hayhurst, Karen Lester, Bill Crawford, Jeanette Embrey.

1. Welcome – Dr. Coury welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 30, 2007, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Ms. Embrey reported that there have been many dental conferences this year and added that Jnita Collins is a pleasure to work with. There will be two more conferences, one in January and one in April.
4. Student Representative Report – Mr. Lamborn, a second year student, reported that the students have been extremely busy. With mock boards, case studies, clinic, school work, and community service, it has been pretty hectic.
5. Advising/Counseling – Ms. Clifton reported that the program always has an abundance of student inquiries. Spring registration started last week and classes are filling up quickly. Ms. Cleere said that student applications for fall are due the last day of February.
6. Director's Report – Ms. Cleere reported that the students taking the National Board have a choice of taking the test with paper and pencil or on the computer. The students have been busy taking their Mock Boards to get ready for the WREB. The next accreditation site visit will be in 2010 and hopefully the dental clinic will have moved in to their new building. Dr. Henderson showed everyone a preview of the architects' 4-minute video of the new Nursing & Dental Clinic Building – it was quite impressive. Ground breaking for the new building will be sometime in March 2009 and anticipation of the completed building is fall of 2010. Ms. Cleere thanked everyone at the meeting for all their support with the bond election, and also gave a big thanks to Dr. Jones, President, Amarillo College, for making it all happen. The new building will not have a darkroom (students will still learn film based techniques, due to the fact that some dentist offices still use it). Ms. Cleere reported that Dr. Duncan has stepped down from

the advisory committee due to his busy schedule. A beautiful plaque from the dental clinic will be given to Dr. Duncan upon his return from Chicago for all his dedicated service to the program. THANK YOU DR. DUNCAN! Dr. Vaughan graciously volunteered to take Dr. Duncan's place on the advisory committee. Dr. Henderson talked about the new Eagle Software that the program purchased which is going very well. So far, there have been 4,000 patient records put on the computer. Ms. Cleere reported that there will be some minor changes in the curriculum due to THECB (changes mostly will be the terminology in some of the course descriptions). It was asked if there might be a possibility of ever offering some dental hygiene courses on-line. Ms. Cleere reported that she has not considered on-line courses, but it certainly could be a possibility down the road.

7. Faculty & Staff Report – Ms. Lester showed a slide show of the students at the WTAMU Health fair, and pictures of the students when they went to Panhandle Assessment Center (PAC). Ms. Hayhurst showed a slide show of the students at Head Start located on Cleveland Street, they screened 247 people. Both Lester and Hayhurst praised their students on the great job that they did at all of these events. Ms. Collins reported that there are 28 freshmen students and all are doing very well. Ms. McFarland reported that there are 25 sophomore students and they too are doing well. She also took a group of students to Nicaragua and they saw a total of 230 patients.

8. Other Business – Dr. Coury asked Ms. Cleere if she wanted to add anything to the newsletter. Ms. Cleere said that they would like that and could they be added to the mailing list?

The next advisory meeting will be scheduled sometime November 2009.

9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey
