

DENTIST AIDE PROGRAM

Minutes

November 4, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Wilkie – Chairperson, Dr. Vaclav, Elaine Howard, Tracey Bousning, Silvia Montanez, Machel Shaffer, Miranda Rapstine, Stephanie Lindsey.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Dana Scott, Pam Smith, Bill Crawford, Jerry Moller, Cherie Clifton, Jeanette Embrey.

1. Welcome – Dr. Wilkie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 12, 2008, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Healthcare Education – Embrey reported that there will be several dental seminars: Sept 25: 8am-noon: Oral Health: Your Body's First Defense. (Andrea Wiseman, RDH) October 23: 8am-4pm at B&I: Advanced dental veneers and Fixed and Removable Implant Supported Prosthodontics. (Jason R. Gillespie, DDS, MS) December 7, 6-9pm at WCLH A: Cases in Oral Pathology. (Wm Graves, DMD) Contact Jnita Collins for info or to register. Future Panhandle AGD and DDS CE and Lecture series: January 15, 2010, PAGD hosting Dr. Joseph Massad who will be speaking about Full dentures and Impression Techniques. Contact person is Dr. Jay Johnson at 806-655-0921. Will be held at AC B&I. February 12, 2010, PDDS spring scientific meeting with Dr. Joe Blaes on "Pearls for the Dental Practice", and will be held at AC B&I. April 9, 2010, PAGD in conjunction with the Jack Clark Foundation for oral health will present Dr. Jacqueline Plemmons speaking on oral cancer and oral pathology. Contact person is Dr. Tom Karr at 806-352-2800, and will be held at AC B&I.

Dr. Vaclav added that there will be an OSHA meeting January 14, 2010, but would like to see Amarillo College offer those types of meetings in the future. Scott would like to be able to offer the Nitrous Oxide test at Amarillo College and is currently working on that task. Scott would like to offer Round Table seminars where speakers come in and talk about new techniques, and new materials that are available or will be available in the future.

4. Advising & Counseling – Clifton reported that Amarillo College is at a record enrollment at 11,100 students. Spring registration starts November 9. There was some discussion about Milan's Dental Assistant program and the question was asked price comparison of programs and it was said that Milan's program costs are approximately \$10,000-\$12,000

for the nine month program, and AC's Dentist Aide program is approximately \$3200 for the two-semester program (which includes tuition, fee, books, scrubs, and tests).

5. Student Representative Report - All three student representatives agreed that the program was going well, and the instructors, although totally different teaching styles and personalities are great instructors.
6. Program Director Report – Scott reported on the new dental/nursing building that should be up and running by fall 2010. The program will have a dedicated classroom, lab, new equipment, and three dental units, and will share everything else with the Dental Hygiene program.

Discussed fall semester changes for 2010 – Scott would like to move DNTA 1345: Preventive Dentistry from the spring semester to the fall semester and add a two hour Seminar course to the spring semester. Scott would like to “block” teach the Seminar course. Dr. Vaclav made a motion to accept the curriculum changes, Dr. Wilkie seconded the motion, and all other voting members agreed to accept the changes put forth. Scott will complete the necessary paperwork and send the curriculum changes to Academic Affairs. If approved by Academic Affairs, the curriculum changes will take place fall 2010, and spring 2011.

Scott stated that she plans to do the necessary paperwork to seek accreditation for the program, which will change the name of the program to Dental Assisting, and will allow students to take the CDA exam immediately following graduation. As it stands now, students must be employed for a year before taking the CDA exam. Currently, there are nine accredited dental assisting programs in the state of Texas. Dr.'s Wilkie and Vaclav stated they both are on board with program going accredited.

7. Faculty Report – Smith stated that she is excited about the growth of the program and the new facilities. Also, the Office Management course that's offered really needs to be more hands-on and would like to see the student's spend some time in the front dental offices. Dr.'s Wilkie and Vaclav agreed, and said they would have no problem with students rotating through their front office.
8. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant
