

**DENTIST AIDE PROGRAM**  
**Minutes – March 10, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Guajardo, Taryn Boggs, Janie Roach, Becky Burton

**EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT:** Dana Scott, Susan McClure, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney

1. Welcome – Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.
3. Allied Health Counselor – McClure reported that the program has 19 declared majors. Amarillo College is now offering General Education Requirements, Speech, Math, etc., on weekends and some are now offered on the West Campus to help with parking on the Washington Campus.
4. Student Representative – Boggs reported that the students are doing their clinic rotations this semester and are enjoying the program.
5. Program Director's Report – Scott reported that she will replace Dr. Karr with Dr. Wilkie and Dr. Crawford, and has added Dr. Borecki to the advisory board. Ms. Barton has retired and she is replaced by Ms. Guajardo, and would like to add another dental assistant to the advisory board; she has asked Dr. Karr and Dr. Hardee to recommend an assistant from their office. The duties of the board will include a curriculum review of the program and will be interviewing prospective students for the fall. Interviews will be conducted July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The new state mandated exams (Jurisprudence and IC) are going well. It was a struggle to add them to the program this year, however, with some slight changes in scheduling next year the exams will run a bit smoother and the graduates will have credentials of RDA. Scott anticipates that all 12 graduates will earn their credentials.

Scott accepted 14 students in the fall and will have 12 graduates. Two students dropped in the fall; one was accepted into the Dental Hygiene program and the other was getting married.

Scott would like to restructure the program for the fall semester due to the new immunization requirements. *The proposal: Remove DNTA 116 & DNTA 1167 and replace them with DNTA 1266 to be offered in the spring semester. A motion was made by Roach and seconded by Burton - all other members were in favor of the change.*

Scott is working on mandatory CEU's for the dental assistants in the community. Assistants need 6 hours in IC, Radiology and Jurisprudence. Scott has been in contact with the local chapter of AGD and PDDS. Some CEU's will be offered through Continuing Health Care Education at Amarillo College and others will be offered through the local dental chapters. Plans are to offer one CE course each fall and spring semester and at least two CE courses each summer.

Scott will be requesting during the budget process this year for two more wet manikins for the lab. The cost of each manikin is \$600.00.

Criminal background checks will be done on all incoming students. The cost to the student will be \$48.50.

Plans are being made to hire a part-time lab assistant to help with the dental laboratory courses each semester.

6. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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

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