

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY –ADVISORY MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, April 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Massie – Chairperson (Medical Data Program @ Amarillo College), Douglas Alexander & Linda Kent (Thomas E. Creek VA), Nicholas Daniels (Student Representative), Linda Bush (Physician's Preferred Laboratory), Zela Young (Moore County Hospital), Rebecca Oldham (Coffee Memorial Blood Center), Denise Marnell (Hereford Regional Medical Center).

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Jan Martin (Program Director) Kim Boyd & Deanna Harville (Instructors), Bill Crawford (Assistant Dean & Division Chair), Cherie Clifton (Allied Health Counselor & Advisor).

1. Welcome – Massie, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the May 2, 2008, were approved as written.
3. Allied Health Counselor & Advisor – Clifton reported that Spring Fling will be at the West Campus, April 30 from 11:00-1:00. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food & festivities! Summer and fall registration started last week and will continue through the summer. Clifton stated that she has seen a healthy number of students interested in the program for the fall semester.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
5. Student Representative – Daniels reported that the students have had a good positive experience in clinical. The students have raised a lot of money towards their pinning ceremony by having bake sales, selling coupon books & t-shirts. They have bought a refrigerator for the lab that the students can use and are thinking about buying a water cooler for the lab. The pinning ceremony is July 3rd at 6:00 p.m., and the Lubbock on-line students will be able to participate as well. Young added that the students that she has had in her facility have been excellent!

6. Program Director Report – Martin reported that this has been a very busy year! The online program between South Plains and Amarillo College is doing well. Deanna Harville, full-time laboratory instructor, is doing a great job down there, and the students seem to really like her. Boyd has completed her Master's degree from WTAMU! Both Martin and Boyd attended the ASCLS Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference in Denver on February. Martin has volunteered her program and herself, as a trainer, for the pilot CMS System at Amarillo College. She feels that the faculty and students will like this new system as it is user-friendly. On a personal note, Martin has volunteered to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. She feels community service is very important.
7. Faculty Reports – Boyd reported that there are currently 11 sophomores and 11 freshmen, and has done many interviews for the fall semester. The Blood Banking course that has been done in-house has gone very well. She gave a big thank you for all the donations from the various clinical sites!!! The college was able to buy the program, with Carl Perkins Funds, a new Chemistry Analyzer and a CBC- DIFF Hematology Analyzer (free with the purchase of the Chemistry Analyzer).

Harville reported that she loves teaching labs for the online program in Lubbock and enjoys the students immensely! Currently, there are 5 sophomores that should graduate this year, and 5 freshmen. She was able to salvage a 5-head microscope and it works great!
8. Affiliation Reports – Nothing to report.
9. Other Business – There was some discussion on recruiting efforts for the online program. Suggestions were to attend High School Career Days, Job Fairs, contact South Plains College's paper for advertising, and call the hospitals and rotary clubs for speaking engagements and/or advertising.
10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.