

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY
APRIL 18, 2003 @ 11:30 A.M.
“A” BUILDING, ROOM 105

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Winters, Sandra Rice, Judy Massie, Steve Dutton, Shelah Heath

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Janet Bohachef, Kim Boyd, Marianne Jones, Jeff Doiron

1. CALL TO ORDER – Massie call the meeting to order following the luncheon.
2. GENERAL INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. MINUTES OF LAST ADVISORY MEETING-The April 17, 2002, meeting, was approved as written with no corrections.
4. COUNSELING CENTER, MARIANNE JONES – Student now have access to WEB Advising. Express Registration, which was yesterday, went very well according to the Student Services Department.
5. CONTINUING HEALTHCARE EDUCATION, JEFF DOIRON – Germ Warfare: The New Reality workshop will be held on April 25.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PROGRAM UPDATE - There are 10 sophomores and 6 freshmen currently in the program. Thirteen have been accepted for the fall semester and will accept applications through the summer. Mrs. Boyd will be adding a new textbook for the fall semester.
 - B. Honors Convocation - This years Outstanding Major for the program is Asor Peak, who will be honored on Sunday, April 27, 2003, at the Civic Center.
 - C. Graduation – The class of 2003 will graduate on May 9 at the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
 - D. CHANGES-The Phlebotomy course has a new rubric (PHLEB). Another change is that the teachings of the didactic portion will be done at a clinical affiliation, which allows students to go to different facilities, such as the J.O. Wyatt Clinic and the VA Hospital.
 - E. BUDGETS - Mr. Crawford reported that Texas is in a budget crunch, which has affected Amarillo College. The college cut 1.5 million this year and will have to double that amount over the next two years. The Medical Laboratory Program lost their part-time faculty due to budget constraints. The college has a whole lost all travel money for this year and next year. If anyone would like travel money, there name will be put in a pool along with an application and be submitted to a Travel Committee. Money for advisory

committee luncheons has been cut. Money for equipment will come from Carl Perkins Funds, which is federal money, and not affected by the budget cuts. Due to a need of technicians, this program will not be affected and will continue to operate to meet the needs of the community.

F. CURRENT EVENTS IN MLT PROGRAM/ALLIED HEALTH

- a. Recruitment Activities – Sneak Peek is an activity sponsored by Amarillo College for students which is a recruiting event for area high schools seniors. Medical Lab students will participate. Career Connection is similar but for the older adult or returning students who are interested in changing their career. Both events are very successful. The MLT program also participates in Career Day, and College Night. There is a horrible shortage of MLT's with many jobs available. Some programs in Texas are closing down. By the year 2008 the shortage of MLT's will be almost 50%. Salaries are getting better, however, compared to other AH programs, MLAB is still low at about \$12 an hour in Amarillo. Will there ever be a state license? That is unknown at this time.
- b. CLEC Conference 2003 – Ms. Bohachef and Mrs. Boyd attended the conference in New Orleans this year and both were very impressed with the topics that were available. The topic of discussion was about the shortage and closing of programs. Ms. Bohachef was asked to be a speaker this year, which was quite an honor. Her presentation was on “Stress Management” and went over quite well. The next conference is in Milwaukee, WI, and due to budget constraints they may not be able to attend.
- c. EQUIPMENT- Mrs. Boyd reported on donations received from NWTN, Coffee Memorial, and Info.Lab. The refrigerator that holds all the reagents went out and a new one has been ordered from Golden Light Equipment at the cost of \$2500.
- d. OTHER BUSINESS – Mrs. Boyd is finishing her Bachelors degree and Ms. Bohachef will finish her Master's Degree this summer. She would like to take couple of years off and then work on her Ph.D.
- e. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES- Students raised money by selling candles for the pinning ceremony. Lab week is next week and student projects will be set up in the Allied Health atrium for everyone to see.
- f. NAME CHANGE- Ms. Bohachef is getting married this summer. Her new name will be Mrs. Janet Martin.

G. ADJOURNMENT- Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, on April 18, 2003.