

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY – ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes

Friday, April 28, 2006 @ 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Winter-Chairperson (Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic), Dale Rollins (Thomas E. Creek VA), Gary Leatherman (Student Representative), Cherie Hayes (Northwest Texas Healthcare System), Zela Young (Moore County Hospital District), Cynthia Pratt (Baptist St. Anthony), Judy Massie (Higher Education Representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan McClure (West Campus Counselor), Jeff Doiron (Director of Continuing Healthcare Education), Richard Hall (Pampa Medical Center), Tom Birkbeck (Baptist St. Anthony's Health System), Steve Dutton (Chairman Biology Department), Carol Jackson (Hereford Regional Medical Center), Sam Pierce (Physician's Preferred Laboratory), Linda Dwight (Childress Regional Medical Center), Tony Black (Coon Memorial Hospital), Ron Fells (Plains Regional Medical Center), Mark Norman (Eastern New Mexican Medical Center), Rebecca Oldham (Coffee Memorial Blood Center)

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Jan Martin- Director (MLT Program), Kim Boyd- Education Coordinator (MLT Program) , Bill Crawford-Chairman (Allied Health Division) , Dr. Matney-Vice President and Dean of Instruction

GUEST: Joy Brenneman- Coordinator (Title V Grant)

1. Welcome – John Winters, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
4. Allied Health & Nursing Counselor – Absent
5. Student Representative – Mr. Leatherman reported that the students have had several fundraisers including Coupon Booklets and Lab Week Bake Sale and have raised approximately \$1100.00. The pinning ceremony is scheduled for June 30, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at the West Campus Lecture Hall. The students have redesigned the class pin and Mr. Leatherman distributed a copy of the sketch of what the new pin will look like. Mr. Leatherman thanked the Clinical Supervisors, the MLT instructors, the division chair, and secretary for all their help over the last two years.
6. Old Business – Nothing to report
7. Title V Grant – Ms. Brenneman reported that the Title V Grant (1.5 million dollars) provides students with the opportunity to complete a college degree online. This grant specifically targets the underserved populations in the Panhandle of Texas. This grant is a cooperative effort between South Plains College and Amarillo College. Students at South Plains College will be able to earn a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology and students at Amarillo College will be able to earn a degree in Agriculture, through South Plains College. The lecture portion of the MLT courses will be provided online and the laboratory and directed practice portions will be conducted either in Lubbock or Levelland. Another portion of the grant provides funding for online course development. Ms. Martin was very pleased that South Plains chose the MLT program. She indicated that a part-time faculty member will supervise the lab portion and the directed practice portions of the program in South Plains College service area. This grant will allow 10 students to start the program and Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd have already begun developing the courses. Students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, and the first group of online students will begin their studies in the Fall of 2007.
8. Director's Report – Ms. Martin reported that the Bio-Terrorism module was incorporated into the Seminar I course last spring but will not be using it in the future. The University of Texas designed

the course in a “stand alone” online course format and it is not user friendly because it cannot be incorporated into an existing course. Ms. Martin called the university to see if they could reconfigure it and they expressed no interest in modifying the format. If they should reconfigure the module Ms. Martin said that she would consider incorporating it into one of the sophomore classes.

Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd attended the 2006 Clinical Laboratory Educator’s Conference in San Antonio in March of 2007. Ms. Martin attended many workshops on online course presentation, while Ms. Boyd attended many workshops on Molecular Diagnostic.

Currently, Ms. Boyd and Ms. Martin are working on the NAACLS self-study. It is due September 1, 2007, but their tentative target date for completion is June 30th. The site visit will be conducted sometime in February 2007. The site visitors will be at the college for 1½ days, and will not be visiting any clinical/practicum sites due to time constraints. Ms. Martin is planning to have one lunch set aside for the site visitors to meet with current students and program graduates. Later that afternoon, of the same day, the advisory board members will be invited to meet with the site team and light snacks will be served.

Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd are incorporating greater portions of online instruction into their current courses. The Title V Grant allowed purchase of necessary computer software to create quality online presentations.

Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd will be participating in a three part series on Course Development utilizing WebCT, beginning May 22. Each of the three modules is estimated at 15-20+ hours each.

9. Faculty Report– Ms. Boyd reported that she finished her Bachelor’s Degree and is now working on her Masters degree. Currently, there are 4 sophomores in the program. Two will graduate this summer, one will graduate in December, and the fourth will graduate next summer. There are currently 13 freshmen in the program. Ms. Boyd has interviewed 6 candidates for the fall semester and has five more interviews scheduled. Ms. Boyd reported that Childress, Dalhart, Roswell, New Mexico, and Coffee Memorial have been added as clinical/practicum sites for the students. Ms. Boyd thanked the clinical sites for all their donations and their help this year, including:

- Glenda Ramsey (Baptist St Anthony guest lecturer in Blood Bank lecture)
- Cherie Hayes (Northwest Texas Healthcare System)
- The VA for equipment donations
- Coffee Memorial for reagent donations
- Physician’s Preferred Lab for allowing freshmen students to observe equipment operation

It was suggested by Kay Rowland (PPL) at the last Advisory Board meeting that the clinical supervisors might like to see the students spend more time or have more consecutive days at the facilities because many students seem to forget some of the information given to them while in their rotations. Carol Jackson (Hereford) suggested that there be a small facility rotation at the Advisory Board meeting in spring 2004. Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd have revised the clinic rotations and gave a copy of the rotation schedule and gave a copy to the Advisory Board members to peruse. After a short discussion Mr. Leatherman, and the remainder of the Advisory Board members agreed that these changes should be adopted. To summarize the changes, the students will be in directed practice four days/ 32 hours per week for 8 weeks, each semester. The remaining 8 weeks of the semester will be spent in didactic/lab courses

10. Other Business – Nothing at this time.
11. Adjournment – Being that there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.
