

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY – ADVISORY MEETING

MINUTES – April 30, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Rollins, Judy Massie, Thomas Birkbeck, Steve Dutton, Nancy Hardy, Carol Jackson, Linda Bush.

EX-OFFICIO’S PRESENT: Jan Martin, Kim Boyd, Bill Crawford, Debby Carey, Jeff Doiron.

1. **WELCOME** – Ms. Massie, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**- Introductions were made around the table.
3. **MINUTES** – The following corrections need to be made: Add Bill Crawford to the Ex-Officio list and a name change from Asure Peak to Azure Peak.
4. **CONTINUING HEALTHCARE EDUCATION** – Jeff Doiron reported that he will offer a workshop in The Facility Toolkit: Legal Issues Confronting Texas Hospitals. If interested, call Jeff’s office at 354-6085.
5. **WEST CAMPUS COUNSELOR** – Debby Carey reported that students are registering for summer and fall classes now. Mr. Dutton reported that there will be an A&P Lab and Lecture offered at the West Campus “C” Building that should be ready to go by the fall semester. Mr. Crawford added that there is a “cadaver lab” that is available to all allied health students too.
6. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – Nancy Hardy reported that the students raised money by selling candles and Mary Kay products. The pinning ceremony will be held July 11, 2004, and invitations will be sent to the advisory committee members.
7. **OLD BUSINESS** - The program will graduate five students this year. There are six applicants thus far for the fall and Ms. Boyd has five interviews scheduled next week. Ms. Martin finished her Master’s degree this summer.
8. **NEW BUSINESS** – National Laboratory Week was last week and the freshman and sophomore students did some excellent projects on story boards that were able to be viewed in the atrium of the Allied Health Building. There was a contest and the two first place winners received 15 points that they could add to any single test during the Spring semester.

Ms. Martin chaired a Safety Sub-Committee to define a standard procedure for students/clinical faculty to follow in the event that a student is injured in the clinical setting. Concentra will see the students and they will be treated without any out-of-pocket money from the student. The cost for treatment will be billed to the college using the student's liability insurance coverage. This will include the Nursing Program and all of the Allied Health Programs.

Amarillo College's Allied Health Programs are participating with U.T. San Antonio in a 2 million grant from Homeland Security for training as first responders as a result of bio-terrorism. The Texas Department of Health will pay tuition for the "pilot program" this fall which will include two students from each of the AH programs and those names will be put on a disaster roster.

Ms. Martin went to Georgia for a sight visit and while there she came across a Work Ethics program that she hopes to incorporate into the MLT program. The course was designed by a community college and has been adopted by every community college in the state of Georgia. It focuses on general work ethics including individual responsibility of teamwork. Ms. Martin will present this program at the next Faculty Senate meeting held on Saturday, May 15th.

Ms. Martin gave everyone a handout of the purposed curriculum changes. The changes are to replace BIOL 2421 (Microbiology) with a more flexible Anatomy & Physiology course for Allied Health majors (VNSG 1420) that will be taught by the faculty in the Med Lab program. The rationale is that the General Microbiology course is too basic and does not focus enough on technique and medical applications. In addition, the material taught in the General Microbiology course is covered and augmented in Medical Microbiology and Parasitology/Mycology courses already in the Med Lab curriculum. The A&P courses currently offered by the Biology department are excellent, but there are components of both A & P 1 and 2 that would be necessary, and that would put the curriculum over the limit for semester hours. Ms Martin and Ms Boyd are planning to offer the VNSG course as a one semester A and P course that focuses on the needs of Medical Laboratory students. Also, a proposal was made to add the Intro to Chemistry and Essentials of Chemistry courses as options for the program's chemistry requirement. The lab and lecture hours in Urinalysis & Body Fluids will be augmented by one lab hour in order to give students more hands-on training in the laboratory portion of this course, and the Phlebotomy clinical course will be increased by one clinical hour, in response to student requests and feedback from clinical affiliates. The Humanities requirement will be changed to so that the students can choose between a Humanities or Fine Arts course to fulfill their mandated Humanities requirement. Other changes mentioned involve the reorganization of course order in the recommended curriculum. All of the proposed changes were approved by acclamation by the MLT

Advisory Board in April 2004. Ms. Martin added that eventually a Molecular Biology component will need to be added to several classes in the MLT curriculum. *A motion was made to accept ALL proposed curriculum changes. Let the record show that the vote was unanimous.*

9. OTHER BUSINESS - Ms. Boyd has incorporated HIPAA in the Introduction class. HIPAA documentation is in the student folder, if any sites need the information, they can call Ms. Boyd or Ms. Martin.

Coffee Memorial is now taking students with a six week rotation blood banking course - five week rotation at the hospital and a one week rotation at Coffee Memorial. The program has received lots of donations. Dalhart sent a MLA 750, and Northwest Texas Hospital donated some incubators.

Currently, the program has 11 freshmen (one is leaving for financial reasons). Ten students will start their clinic rotations this fall. Ms. Boyd reported that she has had many inquiries from students with Bachelors degrees who have hopes of coming into the program.

Ms. Boyd has had some input from a few of the CI's from different affiliations that have made comments on the textbook that she is using for bloodbank. One CI likes the book and another CI does not like the book. Ms. Boyd reported that NACCLS requires that the textbooks are less than five years old. She stated that the Board of Registry and most of the review books for the boards site the textbook she is using as one of the primary sources of information. In addition, Ms Boyd has contacted instructors at several community colleges in Texas and the majority are using the same textbook that she has chosen.

Another affiliation, Labcore, said that their corporate office will not allow them to take students. Ms. Boyd is looking at finding more clinical sites. Ms. Jackson suggested that the students spend more time in her area (Hereford Regional). She doesn't think that the students are productive just doing clinic two days a week for two weeks.

Mr. Crawford added a big thanks to the faculty for providing lunch for everyone.

10. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

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