

RADIATION THERAPY ADVISORY MEETING
Monday, April 15, 2002
Minutes

Members Present: Keitha Rahlfs, Chairperson, Alan Burns-HCC, Kathy Haynes-HCC, Dr. Pratt - HCC, Judy Massie - AC, Clair Morath - Freshman Student Representative, Jeff Draycott-Sophomore Student Representative.

Ex-officio's Present: Tony Tackitt, Bill Crawford, Jeff Doiron, Marianne Jones.

1. Welcome - Ms. Rahlfs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes - The minutes of the April 11, 2001, meeting were approved with no corrections.
3. Continuing Health Care Education - Mr. Doiron gave everyone a Winter/Spring Catalog to look over. A couple workshops noted were: Supportive Care 2002: Psychosocial Issues in Cancer Care, Friday, April 14 & HIPAA Requirements on Friday, May 3. If anyone is interested, call Jeff Doiron at 354-6085. The Annual Radiography Symposium will be October 25 & 26.
4. Counseling Center - Ms. Jones reported that Sneak Peek, Advising Alert, Badgerama, and Spring Fling will be happening this month. Students will have access to WEB Advising this summer.
5. Old Business
 - A. Classroom Conditions - Concerning classroom 100A and the environmental issues of last semester seems to have been worked out. On occasion, Physical Plant has been called to turn up the heat and/or airconditioning, but not as frequent.
 - B. Site Team - The site visit was in January and everything went well. The college should be receiving their response within the next few weeks.
6. Director's Report

Students - There were nine students last fall, and 7 graduated. There are 11 freshmen, with no attrition. There are 13 sophomores, two of which are "advanced standing" students from Lubbock. Prospects for this coming fall look very good, there are twice as many applicants as last year.

Mr. Tackitt gave everyone a hand out on the Radiation Therapy Program Mission and Goals to look over at their leisure. These

goals should be linked to the Planning Evaluation and Tracking Forms data. Ms. Rahlfs will appoint a sub-committee to modify these and will report back to the advisory committee.

Mr. Tackitt has some concerns regarding the attrition rate being below 75%, and suggested that Marianne Jones, Counselor, at Amarillo College, visit with the first year students about being "The Successful Student".

Mr. Tackitt is working on his Master's Degree at WT. Under the new requirements, a Master's Degree is required as Program Director and a Bachelor's Degree is required for the Clinical Coordinator, by 2009.

7. Clinical Report

Ms. Rahlfs reported that clinical was going well and the students were progressing well. The new evaluation forms are being used. The students seem to enjoy their clinical rotation to Lubbock. Also, the sophomore students met with the freshmen students and talked about what it's like as a second year student.

8. Student Representative Report - Jeff Draycott, Sophomore student, reported that the students do not think that its fair to have to make up double time in clinic when they are sick and sent home by the therapist. Mr. Tackitt took this under advisement and will implement a change this summer. Harrington Cancer Center is a very busy place, at times, the students feel they are pushed aside. Mr. Burns replied that the CI's need to realize that HCC is dedicated to Amarillo College and the training of students, and students should not be pushed aside. It is part of the CI's job description to train students and to help the students with their competencies. The students feel that the therapist should go over their evaluations with them. Ms. Rahlfs replied that the student may go to the therapist with their evaluation for discussion if they want to. The Freshmen students are planning a fund raiser for next year.

8. Other Business

Mr. Burns reported that on the national level, recruitment is being pushed to elementary and middle schools.

9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, April 15, 2002.

