

RADIOGRAPHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 2009 @ 7:30 a.m.

Allied Health Building, Room 162

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helena Leonard-Chairperson, Letisha Watts-Student Representative, Dr. Bickers, LaNona Kobernick, Cari Harp, Michelle Zamora, Mandy Bingham, Jodi Nixon, Mary Anne Richards, Claudia Smith, Theresa Jurardo, Carolanne Ellertson.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Becky Burton – Program Director, Dr. Matney, Jerry Moller, Bill Crawford, Ken Woody, Barbara Gray, Connie Crawford, Cherie Clifton, Kim Crowley.

1. Welcome & Introductions – Leonard, Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting were approved as written with no corrections.
3. Student Representative Report – Watts reported that the students would like more information from the clinical sites regarding universal precautions. Woody said that infection control is taught at the beginning of the program but he knows that is probably forgotten by the time the students get out to do their rotations. Crowley thought that maybe she could get an “infection control cheat sheet” for the students to use from one of the hospitals. Watts added that it is hard to get fluoroscopy in clinic because it is not being done as much however, the students still need to get a certain amount of fluoroscopy competencies. If a student has received their comps in fluoroscopy can that student call another student to come down to the department and do the procedure who may not have all their comps? It would only be about a 5 minute wait. Also, when the CI's are doing evaluations on students, could they please get input from another technician who has worked with the student? A student and the CI may have a personality conflict and it would be fairer if

that CI asked other techs for their input on that particular student, plus tell the student how they can improve, if there is a problem.

4. Continuing Health Care Education–Crowley reported that the Radiology Symposium will be October 23 & 24 this year. She added that she would like to expand the repertoire of CEU workshops for all of the allied health programs.
5. Allied Health Advisor and Counselor – Clifton reported that enrollment at Amarillo College is up 4%! April 13th summer and fall registration will begin. The new Nursing/Dental building, Steven W. Jones Hall, will begin construction in a few weeks. The building will be located behind the Allied Health Building.
6. Old Business – Nothing to report.
7. Member Reports:
 - A. Radiologist Report - Dr. Bickers enjoyed Spain! She agreed with Watts, in that due to less fluoroscopy being done in the hospitals students will have a problem obtaining their competencies. Burton added that they could simulate fluoroscopy in the lab so that the students would not have to get as many competencies in clinic. She added that infection control is an issue with everyone who works in the hospital and agrees that more information should be available.
 - B. Allergy A.R.T.S. – Absent
 - C. Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital – Absent
 - D. Dr. Garvish Office – Absent
 - E. Drs. McKay and Fraizer Office – Everything is going well.
 - F. Golden Plains Hospital – Everything is going well, they are still using film and hopes that their new building will be up and going in a few years.
 - G. Hereford Regional Hospital – The freshmen students are a delight to have in clinic! The sophomores are doing well. Hopefully the bond issue will go smoothly and a new hospital will be built. The new clinic will open June 1, 2009.

- H. Moore County Hospital – Everything is going well.
- I. Northwest Texas Hospital – Everything is going well.
- J. Pampa Regional Hospital – Everything is going well. The students stay for their 5 week rotation and then they are gone.
- K. Southwest Neuro Science – The freshmen and sophomore students are doing well.
- L. VA Hospital – Students are doing very well! The VA uses what they call “Ticket to ride” which means that all patients have a ticket attached to their wheelchair or bed that lists what the patient is allergic too and what infectious diseases they may have. They just hired two new technicians and bought a new portable x-ray machine for the department.

8. Director’s Report

Burton appreciates everyone for everything they do for students and the program. She will work with Crowley and get some CEU workshops regarding infection control.

Twenty three students graduated in August, one graduated in December, one will graduate in May, and four students have not completed the program. Of the twenty four students eligible to take the registry, twenty four passed on the first attempt! For the calendar year of 2008, there was 96% pass rate on the first attempt, and 100% on the second attempt.

In the sophomore class, the program started with 29 students and now has 25 students (the 30th student never started the program after being accepted). The other four have left for various reasons. The freshmen class started with 29 as well (the 30th student decide to go Radiation Therapy instead). The other four have left for various reasons. There are approximately 70 applications for the fall semester.

JRCERT self study and site visit were reviewed and the program was given full accreditation status through May 2016; an interim report is due in 2012. JRCERT is in the process of revising their standards and could possibly go into effect by August 2010.

Burton is currently exploring the possibility of putting a few radiography courses online, notably those that the prospective students can take before being accepted in to the program (Introduction to Radiology, Patient Care, Radiography Anatomy & Physiology I & II). The Sectional Anatomy course will be offered online next spring.

9. Clinic Report – Woody reported that the program lost ADC as a clinic sight. More and more students are being sent out of town to do their clinic rotations, and the program relies heavily on out of town sites. With students driving further, please be mindful of the weather. Hopefully, more clinic sites will be added this fall. The faculty is encouraging students to attend more CE workshops, which they would get clinic credit for their attendance.
10. Lab Assistant – Gray thanked everyone for all their support of the program and allowing the students to do their rotations at their facility.
11. Other Business

Crawford stated that the health care industry is heading more towards digital equipment and the program hopes to get a CR for the lab school if there enough money left from the bond election.

Dr. Matney gave a big thank you to everyone and their support of the program and Amarillo College. Historically the college has one graduation ceremony a year, which is held in May. The Commencement Committee has met and the college has added another graduation ceremony to be held in December. Kudos to Becky Burton for her leadership on the Commencement Committee!

12. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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