

RADIOGRAPHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

March 26, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Halena Leonard – Chairperson, Dr. Bickers, La Nona Kobernick, Bruce Jones, Michelle Zamora, Mandy Bingham, Crystal Burns, Jodi Nixon, Michelle Traves, Ali Pilgrim, Jason Wells, Theresa Jurado

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Becky Burton, Jerry Moller, Bill Crawford, Ken Woody, Barbara Gray, Connie Crawford, Cherie Clifton, Kim Crowley

1. Welcome and Introductions – Leonard, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of March 5, 2009, were approved as written.
3. Continuing Healthcare Education – Crowley reported that the Radiology Symposium will be held the first weekend in October with Radiography, Mammogram, and hopefully will add a Nuclear Medicine workshop as well. She added that she would like to expand the repertoire of CEU workshops for all the allied health programs.
4. Divisional Advisor – Clifton reported that this is a record enrollment for Amarillo College (up to 10,000 students). Jones Hall should be completed by July which then a renovation of the Radiology Lab should begin. Clifton congratulated Burton on completing her Master's Degree.
5. Member Reports
 - A. Radiologists – Dr. Gayle Bickers asked about the local job market for the radiology graduates. Burton reported that Amarillo College is upfront with all applicants about the low job market in Amarillo. However, the job market nationwide is excellent. Burton added that the program may have to address that issue when accepting students. As of now, the program accepts 30 students every fall semester.
 - B. Allergy A.R.T.S. – Students are doing well!

- C. BSA – The students are doing well but they seem to forget a lot. The freshmen may need more than once a week in clinic. Burton said they will take this under consideration.
 - D. Drs. McKay & Fraizer Office – Absent
 - E. Golden Plains Hospital – The new hospital is still a go...just waiting.
 - F. Hereford Regional Hospital – Students are doing well.
 - G. Moore County Hospital – Absent
 - H. Northwest Texas Hospital - Students are doing well.
 - I. Pampa Regional Hospital – Students are doing well...love having them!
 - J. Southwest Neuro Science – Absent
 - K. VA Hospital – Smart bunch of students and they are doing well. VA’s Infectious Control Nurse will show a short video, short tour, and show how TB masks are used. Also, there are Precaution Packets available. They also have that 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.
6. Student Representative Report – Burns reported that the freshmen feel out of place and uncomfortable at times. Also, the 1:1 ratio in the clinic is not always followed (one tech to one student). The freshmen feel that one day a week in clinic is not very productive. Are students supposed to answer the phones in clinic? Burton said that is up to each clinic site. The students were asking about what shoes to wear to clinic – it is hard to find plain white tennis shoes. Dr. Bickers added that New Balance has quite a selection of white shoes that are very comfortable. New Balance also has a website. The policy is either white, black, or blue canvas shoes.
7. Ex-Officio Reports
- A. Program Director – Burton reported that the class of 2009 began with 29 students, graduated 26 in August, and three graduated in December. Of the 29 students eligible to take the registry, 24 passed, one has never applied and four are pending.
- The sophomore class started with 29 students and now has 23 students. One left to have a baby and is now enrolled in the freshmen class, and five left to pursue other interests. The freshmen class started with 30 students and now has 28

students. Two left to pursue other interests. Currently, there are 80 applicants for next fall's class and anticipate an influx of applications in April and May.

There will be some standard changes in JCERT. The ARRT competency changes have been postponed until January 2012. Also the proposed changes in test content will be postponed. *The registry now costs \$200.*

The Introduction to Radiography course was offered online this past fall, and in the classroom in the spring. The Patient Care course will be offered the same way. The Sectional Anatomy course is completely online with all three programs, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Therapy, taking it this semester.

There will be possible changes to the curriculum to better align with Career Clusters. Burton will notify the advisory members with any changes that may occur in the future.

- B. Clinical Instructor – Woody is currently looking at different times for students to start clinical (they currently start at 7:00 a.m.) due to the fact of some students are having to take their children to daycare which do not open until 7:00 a.m. Also, the new time sheets seem to be working well. Woody will deliver the evaluation forms to the clinic areas. The VA Hospital requires certain identification procedures for students for security purposes. Woody will probably try and take as many students to the VA all at once and get that taken care of. Also, the student's clinic schedule will be available online.
 - C. Laboratory & Clinic Assistant – Gray thanked everyone for all their support of the program and for allowing the students to do their rotations at their facility.
 - D. Dean of Health Sciences - Crawford reported that he currently teaches the three imaging classes and hopes he can continue to teach along with his new administrative duties. He has expanded his imaging classes to include digital radiography.
 - E. Acting Vice President & Dean of Instruction – Moller thanked the committee for all their support. He added that this fall there will be a very small tuition increase for students.
8. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8: 15 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Executive Secretary.
