

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25th 2009 @ 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Roberts – Chairperson, Judy Kelln, Maria Gutierrez, Jean Small, Melinda Thompson, Tara Wagner, Leslie Decker, Raellen Brown.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Lisa Holdaway, Holly Bentley, Bill Crawford, Jerry Moller, Cherie Clifton, Jeanette Embrey.

1. Welcome – Mary Lou Roberts, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the annual advisory meeting and introductions were made.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the February 27, 2008, meeting were approved as written with no corrections.
3. Allied Health Counselor & Advisor- Clifton reported that enrollment is up 4% and registration for summer and fall will start April 13. Spring Fling, an outside activity held at the west campus for students, faculty and staff will be Thursday, April 30th.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Embrey reported that there will be lots of CEU programs this spring, if anyone is interested call their office at 354-6085.
5. Student Representative – Wagner reported that the program is put together well and the students have great support from the faculty and the clinic sites. One weakness would be “communication” is not always up to par; the second weakness would be that the lab area is too small because lecture courses are taught in the same area which means the labs are set up and then taken down again, the third weakness would be that most of the instruments are hand-me-downs. Wagner participates in the Biology Club and is involved with Badger Hearts.
6. Program Director – Holdaway reported that 16 students graduated in 2008. Seven graduates are currently employed, three chose to return to school and six are employed in other areas or chose to stay home. Of the 15 that took the certification exam 12 passed, and three failed (two of the three that failed said they “just did not study”.) The class of 2009 is fairly small, with 14

students. Two of those students are employed in Dumas, and one is employed in Borger. Students are encouraged to wait until summer to work, as this usually helps with "burn-out".

A reminder to affiliations who hire our students: Upon graduation, our graduates are ready for ENTRY LEVEL positions in the Operating Room. Please, feel free to look at the AST Standards on their website.

The students will be taking their certification exam one month prior to graduation and are preparing with their exam books, as we speak.

Holdaway presented the committee with a proposal of starting the program in the summer semester instead of the fall semester, and if approved this will be sent to Academic Affairs. See attached proposal. ***A motion was made by Roberts to accept the proposed change, seconded by Decker, and unanimously approved to accept the proposed curriculum.***

So far, Holdaway has received 30 applications for the fall semester. Student selection is based on a point system which includes their GAP, A & P I, A & P II, and Medical Terminology, plus any health care experience. Plus, the students have to do a personal interview with Holdaway. Thompson suggested that the applicant(s) be required to do a simple dexterity test and an Allied Health Aptitude Test. The Allied Health Aptitude Tests are \$10.

Holdaway gave a big thanks to BSA for their generous donation of gloves and NWTB for their unused supplies for our students!

Holdaway attended the AORN Conference last week in Chicago, IL and it was very good and very interesting with lots of information on "going green". Holdaway plans on buying non-disposable gowns and drapes to save the environment and costs.

7. Clinical Manager – Bentley gave everyone a copy of the ST role definitions; tally sheet; and exit competencies to look over. Bentley also thanked everyone for their donations, support of the students and to the program.
8. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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