

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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April 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Roberts – Chairperson, Judy Kelln, Maria Gutierrez, Jean Small, Patty Sutton, Sheri Kramer, Rae Ellen Brown, Clint Lindsey, Mason Kizziar, Matthew Mann, Dacia Griffin

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Lisa Holdaway, Holly Bentley, Melinda Thompson, Ben Segura, Cherie Clifton, Kim Crowley, Jerry Moller, Bill Crawford

1. Welcome – Roberts, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the March 25, 2009, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Education – Crowley would like to expand the CE classes and workshops for all Allied Health Programs. April 17th there will be an AO Orthopedic Bio-Skills workshop offered to techs and nurses. The cost is \$25. Call Lisa if interested.
4. Division Advisor – Clifton reported that summer and fall registration starts next Monday. Also, the Student Government Association will be having Spring Fling from 11:00-1:30 at west campus for all students, faculty and staff. There will be a band, food, and plenty of games to enjoy. Advisory members are more than welcome to join the festivities!
5. Student Representative – Mann reported that the students have had lots of fund raisers. He commended Holdaway, Bentley, Thompson, and Segura for everything that they do for the students. Also, would it be possible for the affiliations to email Holdaway of any changes in their OR that have taken place (technology changes, etc.)? It would help the students a lot to know what changes have taken place before they get there to do their clinic rotations.
6. Director Report – Holdaway thanked everyone for their hard work with the students. Currently there are 15 students and they will take the CST exam one month before graduation. There are 28-30 applications for the summer semester with many calls coming in daily. Many of the applicants already have associate or bachelor degrees.

Under the new law, all surgical technologists must be certified, however there are a few exceptions and stipulations. There is a Candidate Handbook available online through the NBSTSA that will answer questions about who is qualified to take the exam, how to apply for the exam, and how to maintain certification. The easiest way is to stay a

member and do CEU's (60 per four years). Holdaway would like to offer two CEU workshops a year to make it easier on techs as far as traveling and costs.

The curriculum changes that were approved by the committee last year were approved by Academic Affairs and the new class will start this summer. Some classes will overlap, adding Professional Readiness. This class will stress professionalism, punctuality, interviews, resumes and attendance in the workplace. This summer there will be entry level students scrubbing in with exit level students. Holdaway gave everyone a copy of the new program curriculum. There was a suggestion of AC students wearing different colored hats to identify them in the surgical setting.

7. Clinical Manager – Bentley reported that due to the curriculum changes entry level students will be shadowing exit level students. Bentley gave all members a copy of the “Responsibilities and Conduct in Clinical Areas” to look over. The question was asked about what the clinic responsibilities are regarding student needle sticks. Holdaway said that most affiliations treat student’s needle sticks like an employee needle stick. There is also added Amarillo College paperwork that is done at the student/instructor’s level.
8. Affiliation Reports
 - A. Nwth Surgery Center – Students are doing well – great job educating them!
 - B. Moore County Hospital – Always happy to have students!
 - C. Golden Plains Hospital – Do not have students yet but looking forward to it!
 - D. Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital – Student are doing very well – very savvy students!
 - E. Northwest Texas Hospital – Students are doing very well – much improvement from last year’s students. Also, appreciate the curriculum changes.
9. Other Business – Bill Crawford, Dean of Health Sciences and Jerry Moller, Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked them for all their support of the program and that without them there would be no program.
10. Adjournment – Being not further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by Kim Lacey, Executive Secretary
