

# **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**February 22, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Roberts – Chairperson, Judy Kelln, Janet Ambs, Misti Prestrige, Maria Gutierrez, Jean Small, Lacy Mueggenbor, Molly Pyle, Kim Broome, Carol Stacey

**EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT:** Lisa Holdaway, Holly Bentley, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney, Melinda Thompson, Ben Segura

1. Welcome – Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the May 11, 2005 meeting were approved as written.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Suarez gave everyone an update on workshops available for spring/summer.
5. Allied Health Counselor - Absent
6. Student Representative – Prestrige reported that the students are doing well. The students are planning a pinning ceremony for this summer and all advisory members are invited to attend.
7. Director's Report – Holdaway thanked everyone for allowing students to attend their facilities. She introduced Holly Bentley, RN, Lab and Clinical Supervisor, for the program.

The class of 2005 had 14 graduates, 12 are employed, 2 are continuing with their education, and 2 have taken their certification exam and have successfully passed. She added that she encourages the students to apply for employment after spring break. The AST has changed their policy to take the certification exam. Students may take their exam one month prior to finishing their course work and the results will be given upon completion of the ST program.

Holdaway encourages the students to attend the AST meetings. The next one is in Las Vegas, NV. The meeting will offer a "student day" that offers information regarding AST, jobs, and furthering their education. More than half of the class plans to attend.

Holdaway stated that the program is in need of equipment. The program lab needs mayo stands, beds, prep tables, back tables, and basic instruments. Donations are welcome.

The goals for 2006-2007 are they plan on starting clinic early, as well as instrumentation. They are approx. 35 student applications for this fall and will accept 25 into the program.

8. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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

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