

# **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**February 27, 2008 @ 11:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Smith, Judy Kelln, Mary Lou Roberts, Maria Gutierrez, Terri Allen, Ronnie Head, Micah Campbell, Yolanda Vribiesca.

Ex-Officio's Present: Lisa Holdaway, Holley Bentley, Ben Segura, Melinda Thompson, Cherie Clifton, Pilar Suarez, Kim Crowley, Bill Crawford.

1. Welcome – Mary Lou Roberts, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the annual advisory meeting and introductions were made.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the February 21, 2007, meeting were approved as written.
3. Allied Health Advisor – Cherie Clifton said that she's excited to be in this new position and is learning about the different programs and meeting all of the students. Clifton has worked at Amarillo College in the Advising and Counseling department for 19 years, both at West and Washington Campus.
4. Continuing Health Care Education - Pilar Suarez gave everyone the Spring 2008 Conferences brochure, as well as the upcoming Wound Care Management Update information.
5. Student Representative – Yolanda Vribiesca enjoys the program and thanked the clinical sites for being so kind and patient with them as they are learning to be technicians. Yolanda added that they (the students) are ready to graduate and start working!
6. Program Director
  - A. Program Goals – A copy of the program's goals (CAHEEP-Standards II) were given to everyone to read.
  - B. Market Survey – Holdaway will send out a market survey this year.
  - C. Graduates – Class of 2007, there were 10 AAS, and 9 Certifications. There were fifteen graduates, 3 returned to school to further their education, and one student chose another field.
  - D. Facilities – Holdaway thanked the facilities for filling out the employer surveys and getting them back to her in a timely manner.
  - E. Lab Changes – Holdaway and Bentley have changed the fall schedule, and it seems to be working well. The students are spending more time in the lab (6:1 ratio) with 14 weeks in lab, and 2 weeks in the clinic, learning surgical techniques before they are sent to the facilities. The student also have "open lab" which allows them to come into the lab and work 1:1 with one of the instructors. Holdaway added that the instructors are really pushing work ethics

to the students and how important it is. Judy Kelln stated that the students are better prepared this year!

- F. Congratulations to Holly Bentley – Bentley is now CST certified!
- G. Needs for the program – If any of the facilities have supplies, an old autoclave, or an old anesthesia machine that they would like to donate to the program that would be great!
- H. Holly Bentley, Clinical Manager – Bentley said that this years class is excellent! They are self-motivated, and have a positive attitude about their experience in the classroom and clinic. Bentley also thanked the facilities for all their help.
- I. AST/AORN Conferences – The AORN Conference is March 30-April 3, in Anaheim California and Holdaway and Bentley will be attending. The AST Conference is in May this year and they hope to attend that conference also.

#### 7. Other Business

- A. AST Test – The cost to take the exam is \$230 and to recertify the cost is \$499. Ben Segura is in the process of putting together a petition in protest due to the high cost of the exam to recertify. He also added that the test is no longer given in Amarillo (moved to Lubbock). Holdaway asked Segura to please handle the petition in a professional, non-aggressive manner. She seems to think that the goal of AST is to put the test on-line.
- B. Student Application Process – Holdaway is using a different screening process when accepting applications for the program.
- C. Site-Visit – Holdaway reported that an accreditation team made a random site visit last year. They gave her 3 weeks to prepare for the visit.
- D. Bill Crawford, Division Chairman – Mr. Crawford congratulated the students for all their hard work this past year. He also congratulated Holdaway, Bentley, Segura and Thompson for all their hard work.

- 8. Adjourn – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

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