

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY MEETING
May 11, 2005 @ 11:30 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Troy Wilson – Chairperson, Judy Smith, Judy Kelln, Ben Segura, Janet Ambs, Julie Smith, Kim Bybee, Leslie Decker, Marc Bonds, Dora Quintana, Mike Hadley, Melinda Thompson, Holly Bentley.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Lisa Holdaway, Bill Crawford, Susan McClure, Jeff Doiron.

1. Welcome – Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Introductions – Introduction were made around the table.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the April 10, 2002, meeting were approved as written with no corrections.
4. Continuing Healthcare Education – Doiron gave everyone a new continuing health care summer schedule to look over at their leisure.
5. Allied Health & Nursing Counselor – McClure reported that summer and fall registration has started at AC and will continue through August. Currently there are 72 declared ST majors; 44 are interested in the Associate Degree and 28 are interested in the certification.
6. Student Representative – Bybee reported that the students had a rough start but everything is going well now. They have enjoyed going to clinical. Lisa Holdaway is a great teacher and very supportive of the students.
6. Affiliation Reports
 - A. BSA – Kelln reported that the students are doing well.
 - B. NWTH – Wilson reported that the students are doing well too.
 - C. VA – Absent
7. Director's Report – Holdaway reported that 15 students will graduate this year; and 10 of these students are currently employed. The AST requires that the students take an assessment exam known as the "PAE" six weeks before completion of the program. The exam requires a 75% pass rate. The exam allows the AST to know how much the students are learning from the program. Students may take their certification exam 6 weeks after they finish the program through the

Sylvan Learning Center after applying through the liaison council on certification for the surgical technologists. Currently there are 20 students accepted for the fall semester; seven students are undecided.

Goals for Fall 2005 – Students will start their clinical rotations during the 3rd week in September. The program will be increasing the student enrollment from 25 to 30.

The pinning ceremony for the students will be July 25 @ 7:00 p.m. in the lecture hall at West Campus. Everyone is invited!

8. Other Business

T. Wilson stated that there is a new scholarship available to the students. It is the Billy Wilson Scholarship (in memory of Troy Wilson's father) and will be given to a deserving student at the pinning ceremony.

T. Wilson reported that Bill TX729RSV, which will require that all technicians will have to be certified before they can work in an OR. The technicians that are working in the OR now that are not certified will be "grandfathered" in only if they have worked 18 months or longer; and everyone must have 15 CEU's per year or 60 CEU's in 4 years. If the Bill passes it will take place September 2005. There are lots of ways for CST's to obtain CEU's. There's a meeting in Amarillo every September; online; and AC offers many seminars and workshops.

B. Crawford thanked the committee and the hospitals for their support and patience over the last year.

9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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