

Advisory Committee Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Dental Assisting				
CHAIRPERSON:		Dr. Ryan Street				
MEETING DATE:		5-7-2021	MEETING TIME:	8:30 AM	MEETING PLACE:	ZOOM
RECORDER:		Janet Barton		PREVIOUS MEETING:	3-6-2020	
MEMBERS PRESENT						
List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present						
	NAME	TITLE	EMPLOYER INFO	PHONE	EMAIL	
x	Dr. Ryan Street	Dentist				
x	Dr. Kyle Sparkman	Dentist				
x	Stephanie Braddock	Dental Assistant				
x	Ashley Coffman	A&P Faculty Member Hereford				
	Nate Griffith	Orthodontic Dental Assistant				
	Matthew Adams	Community Member				
EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT						
x	Erica Brassfield	Program Director				
x	Kim Crowley	Dean of Health Sciences				
x	Kim Boyd	Assoc. Dean of Health Sciences				
x	Melissa Burns	Director for CCHCE				
x	Javier Herrera	Advisor				
x	Dana Scott	PT Faculty				
x	Cassie Hall	PT Faculty				
x	Miranda Rue	PT Faculty				
x	Dr. Tamara Clunis	VP of Academic Affairs				
	Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart	President – Amarillo College				
x	Taylor Thompson	Student				
AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY	

Call to Order	Introductions	Dr. Street
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Sparkman – 1 st , Ashley Coffman, All approved	
Health Science Advisor Report	Javier - Javier stated he has been busy with registration for summer and fall. Also making sure students who are graduating have everything they need.	Javier Herrera
Student Report	Taylor Thompson – Taylor stated she was honored to be elected class President. She is going to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program. Taylor mentioned that the students took surveys on AC resources. #1 Tutoring, #2 Cares funds, #3 AC Pantry. Best Memory – going to church and volunteering to teach kids about oral health. Also liked when they were assigned offices. Taylor stated the Dental Assisting program is great. Erica did an amazing job. Love the program. One response on the survey stated they wanted different scrub bottoms. Erica mentioned she worked with Jeanie George on content specific tutoring.	Taylor Thompson
Director's Report	<p>Erica – During COVID had to complete two reports...Interruption of Program and Distance Education Report. Annual CODA report was submitted in October 2020. CODA COVID report for the Class of 2021 was submitted. No response for CODA at this time.</p> <p>Class of 2020 – 100% pass rate on the RDA</p> <p>100% pass rate on Nitrous Oxide Course authored and taught by Dana Scott.</p> <p>13 of the 15 graduates are employed in the Panhandle.</p> <p>Employment Survey Results – 8 students responded, 4 stated they were offered a wage of \$8 to \$10 per hour, 4 stated they were offer \$12 -\$14 per hour</p> <p>Class of 2021 – 100% pass rate on the RDA through Texas Dental Assoc.</p> <p>Nitrous Oxide Exam scheduled for 5-7-21</p> <p>Currently 6 of the 15 students have been offered employment</p> <p>No survey response for wages at this time</p> <p>2021 – Before and after COVID Students had their OSHA Cert.</p> <p>We worked on Professionalism, Communication and Chairside Assisting Skills – Students were scored on a 1-4. Students also scored themselves and were able to see where they scored lower and higher than the clinical host Erica mentioned it has been a wonderful but hard year. This class has had more barriers than any other. Students have experienced death, divorce, drugs...we removed every barrier. Erica state our resource center is wonderful. She had to reach out for help for our students several times and was never told no. Erica stated she is sending out 15 very capable women.</p>	
Affiliation Reports	Dr. Street – Dr. Street stated he took 3 students this year. He stated that students in the past were timid at times. The students this year were great. Teaching them and helping with confidence is so important. Had a great experience this year.	

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	Dr. Sparkman - Great experience with the students. Good that soft skills were addressed early. Will offer employment to a couple of students.	
Melissa Burns	Thanked Dana and Erica for working on the Nitrous Oxide Training. It was a big success. There were a few hiccups along the way but we worked through them. Last year we had a conference set up for PDS but COVID hit and we didn't have in person training during COVID. Hope to reschedule PDDS soon. We do have a PAGD Conference scheduled on October 22 nd on the West Campus Lecture Hall.	
VP of Academic Affairs Report	<p>Dr. Clunis – Dr. Clunis thanked the committee. She agreed with Erica that this has been a very difficult year. She stated she is happy to answer any questions, clear up misconceptions on the transition for several programs. AC is a partner with AISD. Trying to navigate changes with AACAL. She stated we did not have input on programs they are going to offer. With AMTECH, there will be a significant number of students that will go into the employment arena. Right now we are uncomfortable offering the Dental Assisting program if we will compete with students from AMTECH. We are not closing the program, we are deactivating or pausing it. We can re-launch the program if needed. We want to see what happens with AMTECH. Stephanie Braddock mentioned she was an AACAL student. But it really hurts her heart to have the program close. Dr. Clunis again stated we are not closing the program but deactivating until we see how AMTECH is doing. One issue we face with a couple of programs including Dental Hygiene is that students sign a document stating they are aware they might have to move because there are not enough Hygienist positions in Amarillo. Another concern is the amount of money students make when they leave the program. \$8 to \$10 an hour is not a living wage especially if they have loans. Students need to make at least \$15-\$17 an hour when they are finished with school. In some cases, students can get on the job training and not go to college. Dr. Sparkman - AISD is great and we have wonderful ISD's in the Panhandle. But even kids in Canyon ISD, and River Road ISD don't have access to some of the programs that AISD students have. Dr. Clunis - Dental assisting is a small program...deactivating, it not closing. If we re-open the program you have our commitment to have high quality faculty. We need more information from Dentists in our region. We are open to conversations. Dr. Sparkman-stated he is surprised at the 8-10 dollar salary. He stated he pays starts in the teens with the opportunity to go up to 20 -21 dollars for the best assistants. He feels it is dangerous to lose the momentum. Will hurt because losing people. Dr. Clunis stated they did offer Erica a full-time position in Dental Hygiene because we recognize her talent. Erica has opted to further her education. When we re-open we will do our best to have high quality faculty. Dr. Street stated we will lose momentum. There has been a long collaboration with AC. Dentists get quality students. Will hire AC students over any other. Dr. Clunis stated she would love to get more dentist in a room to discuss the</p>	

	<p>wage ranges and other concerns. Need more dentists like Dr. Street and Dr. Sparkman. We wish we could have retained Erica. Dr. Street – a lot of dentist feel the same way. Need to increase communication. Most dentist use AC. Dr. Clunis – Please help us get other dentist in a room to discuss openly. We welcome the opportunity to talk to other dentists. Erica – is there a possibility of a needs assessment sent out? Dana talked about the history of the program. In the past there was discussion of closing the program but there was an overwhelming response from dentists to keep it. The program was developed based on Dentist's needs. She stated a needs assessment was not sent out. Feels it is wrong to pause the program. Dr. Clunis stated that the situation is not personal. We know we are not going to satisfy everyone. For our young people, the dentists need to speak up. There were community meeting about this and no one showed up. Dr. Clunis is happy to facilitate meetings but they need to be sooner rather than later. Hope to come to a positive resolution. Wage issue needs to be addressed. Need to be more transparent. Invite AISD Superintendent and regional ISD superintendents. Dr. Sparkman asked why the Dentists are being asked for input after the decision has been made. He feels the program should continue until we see if AMTECH works out. He stated he doesn't know of any students who start at 8-10 dollars an hour. He feels it is outside the norm, feels the information is wrong. Dr. Sparkman also stated he feels we are closing the program with incomplete information. AC does serve a regional base. Dr. Sparkman stated Dr. Woodburn didn't know about the situation with DA and he is on the AC board. D. Clunis stated there were conversations with Erica in 2020 about this issue. She stated the Dental community doesn't understand how much with have to partner with AISD and no one was fully informed...understand we will not satisfy everyone. Dr. Clunis also stated it is AC's responsibility to educate and train for living wages. Stephanie agrees with Dr. Sparkman that the program should be kept open until we see how AMTECH is doing. The first people they interview and hire are AC students. Erica stated that AC is trying to make data driven decisions. She was shocked about some of the wages. Erica stated that AC will provide data to support decisions.</p> <p>Ashley stated that some students have asked about Dental Assisting and who they need to talk to. They students need to speak with an advisor or Kim Crowley or Kim Boyd.</p> <p>Dr. Clunis told Dr. Street and Dr. Sparkman that she would welcome a Regional Dental Meeting to discuss concerns. She stated she is here 12 months as well as the Deans and Russell. She asked them to get with other dentists to set up a Regional Conference.</p> <p>No other conversation – Erica thanked the members for attending. Dr. Street adjourned the meeting.</p>	
Dean of Health Sciences Report	No report	

Faculty report	Cassie Hall, Miranda Rue – no report	
	Dana Scott – Nitrous Oxide training has to be offered thru a CODA Accredited Hygiene or Assisting program. The Dental Assisting program and Dana were approved for the training. Dana stated she came back PT. She stated the Dental Hygiene program might want the training but she can only do the training if the Dental Assisting Program stays.	
Adjournment	9:36 am	Dr. Ryan Street
Date: 5-13-2021	Executive Secretary Signature: <i>Janet Barton</i>	Next Meeting:

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Dental Assisting

Advisory Board Meeting Spring 2021

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions-Dr. Ryan Street**
- **Approval of the minutes from Spring 2020 Advisory Committee Minutes**
- **Student Representatives-Taylor Thompson**
 - **Amarillo College Resources**
 - **Concerns/Issues**
- **Director's Report**
 - **Accreditation Report**
 - **Interruption of Education Report, Distance Education Report, Annual Report**
 - **Class of 2020 Report**
 - **RDA results, Nitrous Oxide, Employment**
 - **Class of 2021**
 - **RDA, Nitrous, Addition of OSHA and HIPAA**
- **Faculty Report**
 - **Cassie Hall RDA, CDA**
 - **Miranda Rue, RDA, CDA**
- **Health Science Advisors**
 - **Javier Herrera**
 - **Jessica Sanchez**

Agenda

- **Affiliation Reports for the Class of 2021:**
 - **Dr. Ryan Street-Dentist**
 - **Dr. Kyle Sparkman-Dentist**
 - **Stephanie Braddock-General Dentistry Dental Assistant**
 - **Nate Griffith-Orthodontic Dental Assistant**
 - **Matthew Adams-Community Member**
 - **Ashley Coffman-Anatomy and Physiology Instructor Hereford Campus**
- **Continuing Education-Melissa Burns and Dana Scott-Nitrous Oxide**
- **Vice President of Academic Affairs-Dr. Tamara Clunis**
 - **Future of the Dental Assisting Program**
- **Dean of Health Sciences-Kim Crowley**
- **Associate Dean of Health Sciences-Kim Boyd**
- **Adjourn**

Student Representative

Taylor Thompson-Class President

► Survey Results



Director's Report

► Accreditation

- Interruption of Education Report and Distance Education Request submitted Spring 2020 in Response to COVID-Approved
- CODA Annual Report submitted October 2020
- CODA COVID Report for the Class of 2021 submitted-No response from CODA at this time.

Class of 2020

- ▶ 100 % pass rate on the RDA through the Texas Dental Association
- ▶ 100 % pass rate on the Nitrous Oxide Course authored by Dana Scott and provided by Amarillo College
- ▶ 13 of the 15 graduates are employed in the Panhandle.
- ▶ Employment Survey Results
 - ▶ 8 students responded
 - ▶ 4 stated they were offered a wage of \$8-\$10 per hour
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Class of 2021

- ▶ 100 % pass rate on the RDA through the Texas Dental Association
- ▶ Nitrous Oxide Exam schedule for 05/07/21
- ▶ Currently, 6 of the 15 students have been offered employment
- ▶ No survey response for wages at this time.

Faculty Report

- ▶ Cassie Hall
- ▶ Miranda Rue

Health Science Advisor Report

- ▶ Javier Herrera
- ▶ Jessica Sanchez

Affiliation Report for the Class of 2021

- ▶ Chairside Assisting Skills
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Professionalism

Continuing Education Report

- ▶ Melissa Burns and Dana Scott
 - ▶ Nitrous Oxide Certification Course

Future of Dental Assisting Discussion

- ▶ Vice President Dr. Tamara Clunis
- ▶ Associate Vice President Becky Burton
- ▶ Dean of Health Sciences Kim Crowley
- ▶ Associate Dean of Health Sciences Kim Boyd

Accreditation

- ▶ The program was accredited by CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation) in 2015.

Points to discuss:

- ▶ Accreditation ensures quality in dental assisting education.
- ▶ Promotes the improvement and development in a program.
- ▶ Allows an AC graduate to take the Certified Dental Assisting Exam from the Dental Assisting National Board after graduation without having to wait 2 years or acquiring 3500 clinical hours.
- ▶ The CDA credentials give Amarillo College Dental Hygiene applicants 5 points on their application.
- ▶ The CDA credentials are recognized nationally but not locally.
- ▶ The next site visit and reaccreditation is scheduled 2023.
- ▶ Cost for the next visit is approximately \$5,000-10,000.
- ▶ CODA standards require specific credentialing of the faculty, director, and ratios for teaching.

Resources for Discussion

- ▶ Texas State Board of Dental Examiners requirements for the RDA
 - ▶ <http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/dental-assistants/registered-dental-assistant-x-ray-certification/>
- ▶ Dental Assisting National Board Exam Eligibility
 - ▶ <https://www.danb.org/en/Become-Certified/Exams-and-Certifications/Exam-Eligibility-Requirements.aspx>