


# Advisory Committee Minutes

<b>PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:</b>		Radiation Therapy				
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>		Meredith Yarnold				
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>		4-5-2022	<b>MEETING TIME:</b>	12:00 PM	<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	ZOOM
<b>RECORDER:</b>		Janet Barton – Executive Secretary H.S.		<b>PREVIOUS MEETING:</b>	4-9-2021	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>						
<b>List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present</b>						
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EMPLOYER INFO</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	
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x	Lori Smith	Guest	Ohio Clinic			
x	Indy Arrendondo	Guest	San Antonio Clinic			
x	Curtis Reneau	Guest	Amarillo Harrington Cancer Center			
<b>EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT</b>						
x	Becky Burton	Assoc. VP Academic Affairs	Amarillo College	806-371-5122	<a href="mailto:bkburton@actx.edu">bkburton@actx.edu</a>	
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	Marlie	Student – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year				
	Axel	Student – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year				
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION</b>			<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	
Call to Order						

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Meredith started meeting and asked for approval of Minutes	Tommie 1 <sup>st</sup> , Cary 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Health Science Advisor Report</b>	Javier Herrera – Javier stated he has been busy registering students for summer and fall classes. Helping with applications. Also making sure students who are graduating have everything they need. Will be visiting high schools	
<b>Student Report</b>	Axel – Axel stated he graduates in May. Everyone has been really helpful. In his clinics, the therapists have been very helpful. Candy keeps them on track. Marlie – 1 <sup>st</sup> year student- UMC and Covenant...loves both of her facilities. The Rad. Therapy program is rewarding. A lot of care and detail and thorough. All instructors reach out. Program requires a lot of critical thinking. Thanked everyone for the opportunity.	
<b>Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Tony – Accredited through AART</b>  Pass Rate is 91%, in 2019 three students didn't pass. Graduation Rate is 75%. Tony stated he had several withdrawals and drops due to students trying to work full-time. Students told him they had to work because of responsibilities and thought it online would be easier. Employment rate is 98% 5 yr average. Last 4 years 100% employment. Tony stated the job market is really good right now.</p> <p>Tony mentioned that all Health Sciences students must take the HESI Exam starting this year. Points are given for each sections. Tony likes the critical thinking section of the test. He stated he has fewer applicants this year. Only 4 in Amarillo. He is not making the Distance Students take the HESI until they know if they are accepted into the program. Cary stated he thinks the HESI is a good idea. Tommie asked about role the test plays in program acceptance. She is interested in the critical thinking scores. Would like to know how it evolves. Kim Boyd explained in that we did a trial HESI last year and found that students who scored higher on the critical thinking piece did better in the program. If students are not accepted in a Program, we can put them in a Pre-health Sciences program to help get scores up. Kim thinks it would be interesting to have students take the Critical Thinking test to see how they score. Soft skills and critical thinking are the things we hear are needed from Advisory Committees. Becky Burton mention that we are not using this to weed out students but to find out if students need extra support in some areas. Becky was asked if scores could be shared and Becky stated we had not planned on sharing but it is possible. Would not be a FERPA issue. Would probably want to get signatures. (Note: afterwards, Deans advised against sharing HESI scores.) Tony mentioned that Radiation Therapy have to complete several things for the program.</p> <p><b>Strategic Plan – 2025</b>  Becky mentioned Degree Alignment meeting the needs of local and national</p>	

	<p>labor market.</p> <p><b>Learning</b> – new ways of learning.</p> <p><b>Equity</b> – ensure all students have same opportunities for learning, ensure all students have access to financial aid and other support programs.</p> <p><b>Financial</b> – low budget program. No equipment.</p>	
<b>Faculty Report</b>	<p><b>Candy Lara-Habeger</b> – Candy stated she is leaving a lot to the students about evals and being proactive. She is working more with students on paperwork. Also encouraging students to watch the videos that are put on Blackboard for students. Candy mentioned she has a lot of interaction with Clinical Sites.</p>	
<b>Affiliation Reports</b>	<p><b>Tommie Gressett – UMC South</b> – Tommie mentioned they are not doing Dosimetry in house. Candy stated they will have access to get dosimetry done. Went smooth once it got planned. Tommie stated Candy did a great job. Got some assistance.</p> <p><b>Cary Joffrion –West Valley Clinics</b> – Cary stated he took two students. They are doing really well. Possibly hire them.</p> <p><b>Meredith Yarnold– Harrington</b> - Students learned new machines and technology...did really good.</p> <p><b>Bruce Fielder – Community Rep.</b> – had 44 Radiation treatments for cancer. Focusing on one area. He has high praise for staff. He has a lot of fatigue. Becky Burton thanked Bruce for sharing his story. She asked about his interaction with the technologists as far as educating him on process and treatment. Bruce stated that they explained everything from the outset on how it would take place and how long he would be on the treatment table.</p> <p><b>Dale Barker – Texas Oncology (Dale put in the chat feature that he was having technology issues, did not have anything to add)</b></p> <p><b>Indy Arrendondo – San Antonio Clinic - Guest</b> – Currently has one student, one returning.</p> <p><b>Curtis Reneau – Amarillo Harrington Cancer Center - Guest</b> – Curtis stated the students do a fantastic job. Keep the therapists fresh. Students are respectful and professional.</p> <p><b>Lori Smith – Ohio</b> – hired a student Taylor. Really good.</p>	
<b>Assoc. VP of Academic Affairs</b>	<p><b>Becky Burton</b> – Becky Burton – Becky thanked the Clinical Sites. Feedback is welcomed. She mentioned that the Programs are only as good as the feedback we get. We want to make sure we are meeting the needs of the clinical sites as far as the education we are giving students. If there is anything we need to be doing differently, please let us know. Becky mentioned that Tony does a great job with the Radiation Therapy program.</p>	
<b>Assoc. Dean of Health Sciences</b>	<p><b>Kim Boyd</b> - Kim mentioned the Health Sciences HESI. Students can use Proctor U to take the test. Critical Thinking section is important. Allows to see where a student might need help. Complio- must have all immunizations up to date.</p>	

	Students will have lifetime access to their records.	
<b>Continuing Healthcare EDU.</b>	Melissa Burns – Melissa stated that CE conferences are coming back in person. If there are Radiation CE's that are needed, let her know.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned 1:00 PM	
Date: 7/5/2022	 Executive Secretary Signature:	Next Meeting: Spring 2023

**Radiation Therapy**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA Tuesday 4-5-2022**

1. Welcome & Introductions –Chair Person – Meredith Yarnold
2. Approval of Minutes -
3. Health Science Advisor Report – Javier Herrera, Jessica Sanchez
4. Affiliation Reports –
  - a. Tommie Gressett – UMC Southwest Center
  - b. Bruce Fielder – Community Representative
  - c. Cary L. Joffrion – West Valley Clinics
  - d. Dale Barker – Texas Oncology
5. VPAA OFFICE – Tentative
6. Associate Dean of Health Sciences – Kim Boyd
7. Continuing Healthcare Education – Melissa Burns
8. Faculty Report – Candy Lara-Habeger
9. Director's Report – Tony Tackitt
  - a. Accreditation Report
    - i. Review of Program Mission and Goals/Goal Statements
  - b. AC Strategic Plan 2025 – <https://www.actx.edu/strategic/>
    - i. Completion/Transfer
    - ii. Degree Alignment
    - iii. Learning
    - iv. Equity
    - v. Financial
  - c. Program Data
  - d. New equipment (Perkins)
10. Adjournment

Next Advisory Committee meetings: TBA