

**College of Health Sciences
School of Dental Hygiene
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 7th 2010**

- Welcome, Introductions and Chair Shelley Bergholcs called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- Members present: Shelley Bergholcs, Dr. Steven Bloom, Michele Furu, Dr. Stephen Kobernick, Dr. Gregory Langston, Tony McLeroy, Dr. John Thee, Dr. Chris Wujick, Faith Van, Maryellen Tilly, Tasha McBride.
- Faculty present: Dean Tami Grzesikowski, Valerie Carter, Sandi Marcil, Chris Patel, Dr. Jerry Reynolds, Jeanette Siladie, Dr. Katie Woods. Gary Graham from SPC, Academic Student Services
- Program Activities were reviewed by Tami Grzesikowski which included:
 - Enrollment updates for AS and BAS programs: AS currently has almost 70 students with a new class of students that began classes on May 17th. Discussion of the high number of alternates that were accepted due to increased number of selected students that opted out of program. Main concern is financial impact of program and returning to school full time during these grim economic times. BAS program currently has about 80 students enrolled and finishing the program this summer. This number is very low compared to years past.
 - Marketing discussion for BAS program included post card mailing, ads in *RDH*, mass email, Michele Furu took postcard to FNDC meeting and the college will have a booth at FDHA. Suggested posting something on Facebook and continue with mass emails and postcards because they have generated a very positive response. Also suggested having a booth at RDH under One Roof since the national meeting is in August in Orlando.
 - Board Results from AS program shared. Overall 100% pass rate with SPC average of 85.2% which is much higher than the national average of 81.8%. Tami commended the hard work of the dental hygiene faculty who work closely with the students to get these exceptional results.
 - New equipment purchases: stools and digital sensors were discussed. We were fortunate to obtain some last minute Perkins Funding to get this equipment. The operator stools were less than \$300 a piece but very much needed as the some of our stools were broken and a safety hazard. Committee approved all these items.
 - Distributed the revised BASDH goals and mapping. Jeanette Siladie explained the revisions to the committee, discussion followed and new goals and mapping approved.
 - BASDH end of program survey was reviewed for the committee by Jeanette Siladie.

- Community Activities
 - *Oral Cancer Walk* on November 6th, 2010 was discussed by Katie Woods. We are working in conjunction with the Pinellas County Dental Hygiene Association (PCDHA) on the event. Additional information is available from the PCDHA website: <http://www.pcdha.org/>
 - *Give Kids a Smile* event went well with a great turn out of providers and students this year at SPC. Tami shared concerns with the organizer this year concerning late patient scheduling, no buses, and poor supplies. We will attend initial organizing meetings this upcoming year before we decide to commit to event.
 - *Back to School Care Fair* Katie reported that the St. Petersburg Junior League Care Fair is August 7th that is supported by the PCDHA. Students will be doing patient education for the children and the members of the community.

- Job placement and Labor Market Review
 - http://www.careerinfonet.org/occ_rep.asp?optstatus=011000000&soccode=292021&id=1&nodeid=2&stfips=12&search=Go
Data was provided to committee on national and statewide trends. Discussion followed.
 - Local feedback provided which included discussion of proprietary schools opening soon in the Tampa Bay area. The local dentists are concerned with the quality of graduates from the Dental Assisting programs and voiced concern that we need to keep all of community and legislature informed that we do NOT need more dental hygiene programs in the area. In addition, Tami reminded the committee that we reduced our Class size 2 years ago by 20% since the job market was so saturated.
 - Employer and Graduate surveys will be sent out in August 2010 to the graduates from May 2009.

- Evaluation of Advisory Committee activities was completed at the close of the meeting and turned into Gary Graham.

- Recommendations from Committee:
 - Shelley B announced a Scholarship for SPC AS students from the Hillsborough County DH Association.
 - Tami announced some administration changes in the Department. Christine Patel is the Clinic Coordinator this summer. Dr. Katie Woods is the Instructor in Charge for the summer.
 - A full time program director position was announced by SPC administration Friday, June 18th, 2010. We will do a national search and hope to have someone in place by August 1.

- Our former faculty (Claudia Beard) lost her battle with cancer on June 11th. We set up a Claudia Beard Memorial Fund through the SPC Foundation as she served as an incredible clinic coordinator, faculty, advisor, mentor and friend to all.