

Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee Minutes
November 2, 2011
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Seminole Campus Room UP 201

Members present: Joan Tonner, Tami Grzesikowski, Chris Wujick, Claudia Pedroza, Darla Chaisson, Gregory Langston, Mary Ellen Tilly, Mendee Ligon, Michelle Furu, Shelley Bergholcs, Stephen Kobernick, Steven Bloom

Faculty present: Katherine Woods, Sandi Marcil, Jeanette Siladie

Welcome & Introductions: Members of committee and faculty

Special thank you to Shelley Bergholcs for her term as Chair

Election of Chair for Committee 2011-2012 –

- Mendee Ligon nominated Chris Wujick and he accepted.

Program Activities:

Enrollment Updates

AS: Joan

- Currently 66 students enrolled
- New application deadline November 1st through January 15th 2012 for upcoming May 2012 entry
- Starting process for renovating chairs in dental clinic

BAS: Jeanette

- Current enrollment: 109 students are coded in BAS and either working on general education coursework, or are enrolled in upper division DH courses
- Marketing efforts proved fruitful for August enrollment. We had 50 new students initially apply, but about 10 postponed due to financial and or personal issues
- We did an overall assessment of our graduates and students that have completed the DH portion of the program and not the general education (AA) piece. The program began in January 2004, and our first graduating class was July 2005. As of July 2011, 383 students have received their bachelor's diploma. We have about 50 students still working on 1 or more gen. education courses. We have a nearly 90% graduation rate (87.8%)
- Tami has sent letters to all students still working on general education piece--to encourage them to return to the program before the curriculum change
- New curriculum discussed at last meeting will be in place for August 2012 cohorts.

Give Kids A Smile:

- SPC site will be Friday Feb 3rd 2012 – Amy Krueger is organizing at SPC. Joan mentioned we were in need of dentists to volunteer.

Surveys :

- Graduate survey went out in October 2011 for graduating class of 2010. Employer surveys will follow. Joan encouraged committees colleagues who receive to respond

DH Clinic: Strengthen our referral system - Looking for input for referral to area dentists for our patients in our service area (geographic areas) for emergency care and treatment.

- Committee advised to go on www.SmilePinellas.com and/or www.PinellasDental.org for patients to search.
- Steven Bloom will investigate dentists willing to have after office hours emergency care in the clinic's geographic area.
- Chris Wujick stated there was a program for extractions/filling through the DOH at no cost, if patient meets certain criteria. Joan will investigate.

Equipment wish list:

- Committee approval requested and received for:
Cavitron units (four at \$2590)
Gendex xray machine (\$4012)
Dexis Digital Sensor (\$9,395)
Smartlite Curing Lights (\$2520)
- Steven Bloom & Mendee Ligon recommended companies for new and used equipment. Joan will investigate if pricing and products can match the institutional pricing through distributors the program already has.

Colgate Study: update

- Tami reported study is still going on. However we are only 1/3rd of the way there. We are trying to get some of the funding now to use for administration of the grant.
- Asked committee to consider sending to SPC patients that had recent cleaning with gingivitis if the patient meets the criteria of the study
- Darla offered to work with SPC and the students when they rotate through the UF clinic. Joan to arrange meeting.

Announcements

- AS DH program has an opening of an adjunct DH clinical instructor and the job is posted on the SPC website at <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/hr>
- Mendee Ligon stated Pinellas County Job Corporation has a 12 hour/week contract DH job available.
- Steve Kobernick is having open house for his new office on December 1st from 4:00-7:30 PM at 1472 Jordan Hills Court, Clearwater.
- Tami's retirement from SPC is January 6, 2012.