

# ***SPC Orthotics & Prosthetics Advisory Board***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

June 5, 2018

12:00pm

Type of Meeting: Spring meeting of 2018 by Skype conference call

Meeting Facilitator: Tim Fair

Invitees: Ken Charleston, Ann-Marie Chilton, Chris Doerger, Ron Gingras, Veronika Mazzei, Jeff Rosen, Bobby Roe, Dr. Richard Flora

- I. Call to order – 12:09pm
- II. Roll call – Present - Veronika Mazzei, Ann-Marie Chilton, Dr Richard Flora, Tim Fair
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting – no questions or concerns regarding previous minutes; motion to approve by Tim Fair, second by Ann-Marie Chilton; all approved
- IV. Open issues
  - a) Update on program(s) at SPC – currently A.S. O&P Technology program is doing well; graduates will be complete with summer in July; since only one cohort of students, time in lab is manageable to usual timeframes
  - b) CE program updates – new person in charge of Workforce Institute and there is a lot of restructuring that is happening; currently have the Orthotic Fitter, Mastectomy Fitter and Pedorthic education programs through Workforce Institute; possibility of additional courses as department settles into new structure and flow
  - c) Equipment updates – 3d printer upgrades – one of the Markforged M1 Pro printers upgraded to use new material and has been working very well; have cost approval to upgrade a second and am waiting for manufacturer to send shipping contents to start the upgrade process; Amfit contact digitizers setup – contact digitizers have been setup permanently in a room next to the main lab and will remain up and ready for use with the goal being for students to get a chance to test it out and practice on the equipment
- V. New business
  - a) CE for Technicians

- b) Support to help current technicians pass the ABC exam – this was requested by an industry partner, to see if there is something that can be provided to help their technicians with significant hand on training and experience study to pass the ABC exams; no available exam prep resources for technicians currently; courses most likely will not be developed because of the time/cost involved to develop with the minimal # of potential enrollees that would use; also it presents a potential deterrent to students deciding on enrolling into the A.S. degree if they can be guaranteed to pass the exam by working for the time and taking a prep course to fulfill ABC's alternative pathway; I am currently working on an exam study guide that is an outline of suggested study topics for the current students here and will offer it to industry partner for review and use themselves
- c) Continuing Ed credits for already certified technicians – currently only a couple modules on CAD available through SPC for technician continuing education; asking for ideas on continuing education courses or modules that technicians might find helpful and will be able to provide at minimal cost to help technicians maintain ABC certification requirements of 30 credits for single discipline and 40 credits for dual discipline per renewal cycle of 5 years
- d) Open forum - Final thoughts from any advisory board members – no final thoughts from any members

VI. Adjournment – ended at 12:42pm