

**College of Health Sciences
School of Dental Hygiene
Advisory Committee Minutes
March 25, 2013
Provost Room HEC
6:00 PM**

- **Call the meeting to order** – Joan in place of Chair Wujick

- **Introductions and Attendance** : Joan, Rebecca, Amy, Gregg Langston, Lori Lundh, Michele Furu, Linda, Jael Bader, Jeanette Siladie, John Thee, Jerry Reynolds, Katie, Sandi, Krista Fusari, Mendee Ligon, Chris Wujick

- **Program Activities**
 - Enrollment updates for AS program- Tonner – 36 enrolled/30 sophomores graduating /33 freshmen moving to sophomore status
 - Enrollment updates for BASDH program- Siladie
 - We will be graduating nearly 40 students this may, and another 20 or so in July. Since our first graduating class in 2005, we have awarded nearly 450+ bachelor degrees to RDH's!

- **BASDH Curriculum update-** Siladie
 - We implemented our new curriculum with 10 extra credits in August cohorts, and again in January 13 cohort. So far, going smoothly— program length is still approximately 24 months, but students must now take Community Health and Epidemiology as part of their core courses, and then must choose 2 electives from a list of 9 courses (3 credits each)
 - As part of our program goals, we have instituted a critical thinking test administered by Insight testing—we get a baseline score when students are in their first course, and will be given again in the Capstone course upon completion of the DH courses. Hopefully this will show that students are gaining/improving critical thinking skills as they progress in the program. We will not have our first set of data/scores until May 2014.
 - Our website is being upgraded so hopefully will improve student navigation . Also working on improving our position on search engines when prospective students type in Degree completion DH (Dental Hygiene bachelor degree completion online)—currently we are at about 42 or so and on the 5th page—for being one of the largest degree completion programs in the US, this is pretty dismal search results. Would like to eventually be at least on first or second Google search page return.
 - Recruitment efforts are ongoing...Gordon Hall and I went to FDHA in Orlando and plan to go again in October. I made a presentation at Pasco Hernando CC, and will also be presenting to graduating SPC students in April.

- **Interdisciplinary Education Initiative HEC-** Ludwig
 - Discussions of Christine Patel’s Foundation grant to institute interdisciplinary collaboration among the various programs at HEC. Two lunch and learns planned for March and April with guest speaker(s) in August. There is a potential AS in Health Science venue that may include an ID course for “pre” health students.

- **AS DH National Board results-** Tonner
 - 23 have passed and seven are outstanding because they are scheduled to take or have just taken

- **AS DH new equipment/chair update** – July 2013- Tonner
 - College has supported the purchase of 23 chairs /23 computers and monitors, and 3 chairs for the x-ray rooms.
 - Unanimous support by committee for the following equipment requests
 - Filters for water to chairs
 - Digital Sensor
 - DXTTR replacements
 - Digital Panorex machine

- **AS DH Community Activities-** Krueger
 - Community Dental Program through Pinellas County School Board
 - International Study Abroad- Community Practicum DEH 2702C

- **Observation for potential AS DH students-** discussion Tonner
 - Advisory committee agreed to reduce to 3-4 hours observation and online submission of dentist/dental hygienist name, license number and hours observed.
 - The members of the committee offered to allow observations in their offices only if significant barriers to finding an office occurred with a student
 - Joan checking to see if this is a BOT rule or an in house admissions procedure that doesn’t need to go to the BOT for the change.

- **Online survey results for graduates and employers for AS DH program-** Tonner
 - 13 responses with 9 employers indicated / graduates comments:
 Predominately felt good-excellent with all skill sets but wanted more on practice management, preparation for private practice and expanded functions. Five have gone on to work on an advanced degree. 12 of the 13 are working in DH – 3 FT (34-40)/9 PT (3 @ 10-16 hours, 3 @ 18-24 hours, 3 @26-32 hours)
 Comments:
 Strengths: Great program, passionate instructors, a lot of diversity with instructors
 Weakness: insurance codes, lack of digital technology, treatment planning with fees and presenting to patients.

- Two additional questions will be added to survey regarding employment
 - Is it your perception that you are underemployed?
 - If you are working less than 34-40 hours per week, would you prefer to work full time in ONE office?

- **AS DH Local Anesthesia CE update**-Tonner
June 7, 8, 28, & 29 then again in the fall October 18, 19 and November 1 & 2
Go to SPC web page by April 3, 2013
www.spcollege.edu/ceu
Continuing Education Health Spotlight

- **Announcements**
 - Next Advisory meeting will be dinner September 12th planned at Epi Center location at 6:00PM
 - Scholarship recipients for AS DH Jennifer Kraus – Pinellas Park Rotary Club

- **Adjournment at 7:15 PM** - Wujick