



Health Information & Informatics

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2014

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Health Education Center, Provost Conference Room, 7200 66th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL

Members Present: Perry Ellie, Altheia Griffin, Arnold Miller, Lucelly Miller, Phyllis Pinon, Pat Schnering, Suzanne Spigner, Amy Storozuk,

St. Petersburg College Staff Present: Dr. Sheila Newberry. Dr. Shirley Collar, Martin Smith, Dr. Eric Carver, Krista Fusari, Liz Rickerman,

Members Absent: Diane Schmidt, Paige Tague, Tonia Thompson, Denisha Torres-Lich, Karen Youmans

Topic/Discussion	
1. <u>Welcome:</u>	<p>1. Discussion/Action Dr. Sheila welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 8:30 am.</p>
2. <u>Inductions:</u>	<p>2. Discussion/Action Everyone introduced themselves.</p>
<p>3. <u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approved Minutes from 9-12-13 Meeting ➤ Proposed Curriculum ➤ ICD-10 Training 	<p>3. Discussion/Action Approved by Pat Schnering and Second by Arnold Miller</p> <p>Sheila discussed the Proposed HIM Curriculum for 2013-2014. Because of declining numbers in the Informatics AS degree it will no longer be part of the program. The Informatics certificate will remain. The proposed HIM-AS Degree will have both certificates embedded into it required by the State of Florida. All the changes have been submitted to the Curriculum Office and should be approved by the end of August. There will be a teach-out for the Informatics AS students. Current students will be notified of the changes and will have a choice of staying in current program plan or changing to the new program plan.</p> <p>ICD-10 will start in January 2014, spring session. It was supposed to start in the fall 2013 session but due to getting the new curriculum approved by the college it will be pushed to the spring session.</p>
<p>4. <u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liz Rickerman - Office 	<p>4. Discussion/Action Liz Rickerman, the program's Administrative Services Assistant was moved into the HIM office in December. She used to handle two other programs besides HIM but now has HIM and Dental Hygiene.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Eric Carver – New Position 	<p>Eric Carver, one of our full time faculty, has accepted a two year appointment as Lead Faculty Associate with the Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL). He will continue to teach one or two courses for HIM and will be able to return as full time Faculty when the two year commitment is completed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Martin Smith – Percent of Load Faculty 	<p>Sheila introduced Martin Smith as our Percent of Load Faculty member helping to fill in the gap while Eric is with the CETL. Martin is a past Instructor and Program Director for our program.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AHIMA Update from Martin Smith 	<p>Martin was asked to be on a Task Force that looks at the domains for the RHIA credential. AHIMA reviews them every 5 years making sure that what the student is taught is pertinent to the workforce. They came up with new skill sets/domains for the students. The changes will be implemented this fall on the bachelor’s level.</p> <p>Sheila attended a meeting with President Law regarding creating new Bachelor’s Degrees. She discussed with the committee how she would like to propose to add a Health Informatics Bachelor’s Program. It would give students the ability to set for the RHIA credential. There are only two colleges in Florida, one in Orlando and another in Tallahassee that offer a HIM Bachelor’s Degree. There were discussions about having it online or blended. Overall there was a consensus that it would be a good thing for SPC to offer a Health Informatics Bachelor’s Degree. Perry agrees with higher education but discussed his concerns of the future changes in HIM Professions. Eric and Phyllis both discussed how Data Analytics is a position that will be seen in the future of HIM Departments.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plus 50 Grant 	<p>Sheila explained how SPC was awarded a Grant for the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program. She has conducted research and has found that most Plus 50 students need retraining but don’t necessarily want to do a lot of schooling. She presented how through this grant she would like to add a new Advanced Technical Certificate; it would train individuals to take the Certified Health Data Analyst credential. It would be 6 courses and could be completed in one or two semesters. This certificate would be for a seasoned professional that is working with healthcare data. Perry asked how this lines up with AHIMA credential. Sheila said the domains are in alignment. The staff is currently working on the curriculum and could possibly be ready for the Summer 2014. The Plus 50 Grant will also be marketing all the health program certificates.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RHIT Exam Updates Shirley Collar 	<p>Shirley reported that during 2012, 24 graduates took the RHIT exam and 21 students passed for a pass rate of 88%.</p>

➤ HIM and HCINF Graduates

From Fall 2011 to Fall 2012 we had 119 graduates. HIM AS had 31 graduates and had 24 who took the RHIT exam. Shirley mentioned how we encourage the students to take the RHIT early before graduation and more and more students are doing this and passing. Altheia asked if there is an organization that helps with the cost of the exam. Sheila said there isn't anything from the college. But something that was presented to her was from a publisher that is working with AHIMA buying tickets for the exam and bundling it with the Review textbook. The advantage of this is that, students that are on Financial Aid can use it to purchase the book with the test ticket included. Many students do not sit for the exam following graduation because they can't afford to pay for the test.

➤ Changes to Adjunct Faculty Status

Because of the Affordable Care Act the college is changing the about of ECH an Adjunct Faculty can teach. Recently a memo went out from the college asking to limit Adjuncts to 6 ECH (usually 2 courses). The biggest concern is our Percent of Load Faculty member, Martin Smith, he currently can teach up to 12 ECH (4 classes) per session. So we are currently looking for more adjuncts. If the projection stays at 6 ECH the program will need 4 to 6 new Adjuncts.

5. Questions/Concerns

5. Discussion/Action

Eric discussed the TAACCT Grant that the college is applying for along with 12 other Florida Community Colleges. It's a \$25million Grant regarding Health IT. Not sure what piece will be awarded to SPC. The benefit for SPC would be provide funds towards developing additional certificates, career services to help our graduates, and possibly development of the Bachelor's Degree program.

Arnold discussed another Grant that the college might look into, it's called Unified Medical Language Grant, and it relates to SNOMED. This is part of ICD-11. Arnold will email Sheila with the information so she can look into this.

Perry started the discussion of how to prepare recent graduates for jobs. One of the biggest issues is the lack of experience. One solution was the need for paid internships but the industry isn't open to this. Sheila commented on how the program is geared to the credential because generally the credential makes the student a more marketable.

Arnold asked if the program collaborates with HL7. Sheila said not at this time. He feels it is a good time to bring it in because of the Electronic Medical Records. Eric commented that we do incorporate a small piece of that now into our curriculum.

Additional discussion was about HIM departments are going paperless, how employee roles are changing, how positions are leaning more towards analyzing health data, and how the program can better prepare students for the changes in the industry. Sheila discussed how the new curriculum and the new certificate will

incorporate more statistical measures and research skills.

6. Announcements

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Sheila announced that the HIM Department hosted Gulfcoast Health Information Management Meeting last month and the attendance was over 50 members and students.

APAR, the yearly report that the department has to report to CAHIIM is due the end of May. Graduate and employee surveys are now open for completion.

The Fall Advisory Committee meeting will be in September. Krista Fusari announced the next meeting will be a Joint Advisory Committee Meeting at EPI Center – Friday, September 13th, 2013. The meeting will be from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm followed by a Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Invitations will be going out in August.

Sheila announced that she will be out the month of June for knee replacement surgery. Dr. Nicotera will be the Interim Program Director during that time period.

7. Adjournment

7. Discussion/Action

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rickerman, Recorder**