DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 2013
6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Penguin Union Building Room 258C

Members Present: Michelle Vincent, Committee Chair, Laws Family Dentistry; Kramer Ragan, Vice Chair, RDH, Dr. Ryan Lewis; Ann Gilbert, University of Washington; Melody Scheer, RDH, Clark County Health; Dr. David Swan, Retired Dentist; Dr. Steven Hokett, Salmon Creek Periodontics; Dr. Michael Rue, Minnehaha Family Dentistry; Dr. Russell Church, Dr. Russell G. Church DMD; Dr. Peter Lubisich, Vancouver Pediatric Dentistry; Kaili Rutkowski, Palena Dental Arts, Kelly Pfeifer, Portland Community College

Members Absent: Kim Milne, DDS, Vice Chair, Family Health Center, Longview; Jana Sarkkinen, RDH, Dr. Brandt Monfort; Trisha Simcox, RDH, Dr. Pete Lubisich; Richard Mielke, Retired Dentist; Kelli Venetucci, Clark College; David Fitch, Retired Dentist; Dr. Cyndi Lehnertz, Gentle Dental Van Mall

Clark College: Brenda Walstead, RDH, Director, Dental Hygiene; Karla Sylwester, RDH, Professor, Honey Knight, RDH, Professor; Theresa Marks, RDH, Instructor; Amy Johnson, Instructor; Becky Herman, Instructor; Kristi Taylor, Instructor; Blake Bowers, Dean, Business & Health Sciences; Shelley Ostermiller, Health Occupations & Education Advising-Divisional Manager; Sarah Weinberger, Career Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Secretary Sr., Advisory Committees

Committee Chair, Michelle Vincent, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Director Brenda Walstead presented Ann Gilbert with a gift of appreciation for the years spent as the committee’s chairperson. Brenda also thanked the Clark County Dental Society for their generous donation of $5,000 towards the Dental Hygiene program’s remodel.

Director Report
Brenda reported that the remodel has been approved by the State of Washington and said the funds have been approved as well. Ground will break in August 2013. She said the faculty and students are very excited about the remodel and it should be a very busy summer.

Brenda told the committee that the Dental Hygiene program needs their support for the Bachelor of Applied Science degree start date from fall 2014 to fall 2015. She said the BAS degree program was originally scheduled to begin fall of 2014, however, with increased prerequisites, she’s afraid some students may not have the required prereqs completed by the 2014 start date. If the committee agrees that 2015 is a better start date, Brenda will take their recommendation to Clark’s administration for their approval. A motion was made to recommend beginning the BAS degree program in fall of 2015. The motion was seconded and after a vote of the committee, the motion was unanimously approved.
Brenda reported that some members would like to see a shorter meeting time. She suggested to the committee that the meeting be closer to one hour with a simple snack instead of a meal. A motion was made to shorten the meeting time; it was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the March 11, 2013 meeting minutes with one correction regarding the Cavitron units. The change was made on site. The motion was then seconded and unanimously approved with the correction.

Work Plan
After much discussion of the work plan, a motion was made to have two work plans; One 2013-14 academic year work plan, and a 2020 plans and goals work plan. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. It was noted that Brenda and Michelle will rework the 2013-14 work plan, email it to the committee, and then the committee can brainstorm it at the fall advisory meeting.

Dean Blake Bowers reported that the Foundation has begun an endowment which will have some distributions to the dental hygiene program for repair and maintenance for broken and replacement of equipment. This year the distribution would be about $4,000. This is one item that will tie into the Vision 2020 item on the work plan. It was suggested the committee invite the Foundation to the fall meeting to give an overview of money and support. Blake will invite the Foundation to the next advisory meeting.

New Business
Advising Director Shelley Ostermiller reported that there were 100 qualified applicants apply for the fall 2013 start; slightly lower than last year. There were only 25 spots total with 2 spots reserved for Lower Columbia College.

Sarah Weinberger of the Career Services Department announced to the committee there will be a Healthcare Jobs Fair at WSU-V on June 18 from noon to 4 p.m. She passed out flyers to the committee.

Michelle summarized the meeting:

- Brenda and Michelle will work on the 2013-14 work plan and send it out to the committee prior to the next meeting,
- Blake will invite the Foundation to the next advisory committee meeting, and
- Brenda will send the BAS survey out to the committee members who did not receive it.

Next Meeting Date
Monday, October 21, 2013, 6—8 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.