



Dental Hygiene - MINUTES
Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Via Zoom

Members Present: Kramer Ragan, Steven Hokett, Peter Lubisich, Jana Sarkkinen, Trisha Simcox, Richard Grabowsky, Kendra Gibb

Members Absent: Derek Michaud, Ann Gilbert, Michael Rue, Kaili Rutkowski, Melody Scheer

Clark College: Kristi Taylor, Scot Headley, Elizabeth Flores, Glenna Bondy, Amy Ewing Johnson, Becky Herman, Michael Ludwig, Michelle Vincent

The meeting began at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from October 16th, 2023, and April 24th, 2023, were approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on October 14th, 2024.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot discussed the College's draft budget for next year, which may have a slight overage. Scot discussed that the College is still in the process of finding a Vice President of Instruction.

BYLAWS REVIEW

The committee reviewed the bylaws. Peter motioned to approve them, and the committee all unanimously approved them.

ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT 2025

Kristi has announced that an accreditation site visit will take place on July 15th-16th, 2025. She suggested having breakfast on the second day or lunch on the first day. This meeting will last 90 minutes, and the committee will discuss it in more depth at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The program successfully met with 101 children on the children's dental health day. Kristi reported that the students did a great job, and the caregivers gave great feedback.

Kristi reported that students have completed and passed all 5 of the 7 board exams, and a few have taken their national board exams.

Kristi noted that she is facing some scheduling challenges due to the limited number of times available through the testing agency for students to take the national board exam. of students who can take the board exam. Lastly, there is an upcoming mannequin exam on June 14th, 2024.

INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

Kristi inquired about scanning for impression versus occlusal guards. She also asked about incorporating Cone Beam CT scanners into the curriculum.

Kendra noticed an increase in offices using cone beam machines. However, indicated that most times it was being taken by assistants and not the hygienist. She went on to say that digital impressions are also in use as well, and lasers are becoming more popular.

Steven noted he uses digital impressions for occlusal guards to be made.

Kramer recommended digital impressions.

Mike Ludwig said a scanning device would be helpful but also stated he does not want to abandon the traditional way as he is the one who covers this in the curriculum.

Pete recommends getting a scanner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores