



EMT-MINUTES
Friday, February 27th, 2024, at Noon.
Zoom

Members Present: Alexa Foley, David Russell, Rob Milano, Shaun Ford, Alice Boggs

Members Absent: Jim Eagon

Clark College: Tim Kienitz, Scot Headley, Elizabeth Flores, Justin Stokes, Ryan Johnson, Aaron Campbell

The meeting began at 12:00 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at Noon via Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from December 11th, 2023, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Introductions were made.

Scot shared that he plans to visit Tacoma Community College towards the end of April to learn more about the EMT program.

Scot discussed the new Surgical Tech program and the last three years it has taken to create. Scot noted the importance of developing the proposal soon.

Scot led a discussion about reviewing past advisory committee minutes. His findings consistently focused on industry members' requests for a paramedic program at the College, and Scot would like to work on supporting that development.

Shaun suggested meeting sometime this spring to work with Scot on developing a proposal to present to the Vice President of Instruction.

Robb noted an ambulance shortage nationwide. Robb observed a high level of burnout, loss of tenure paramedics, and people are more hesitant to join the field post-pandemic.

Robb noted difficulties in recruiting ready-to-go paramedics.

Robb said they are happy to partner with Clark College and develop a program that mirrors the Boston program.

Shaun recommends establishing a local paramedic program, and it provides more hiring opportunities.

Tim noted that many students want to be paramedics.

Alexa recommended implementing a hybrid program, especially for working students.

Robb offered support in any capacity for the college to create a paramedic program, as the field's trajectory will be in higher demand in the next couple of years.

David mentioned that there would not be opposition, and industry partners would fully support developing a paramedic program.

MOTION MADE

David called for a motion to encourage Clark College to develop a paramedic program. Robb seconded, and the committee, all in favor, approved the motion to encourage faculty and administration to explore the program.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Tim displayed the performance and education report.

Tim discussed the performance report that shows 2023. Tim noted that the numbers presented well for the program, and the findings about each class vary.

Tim has recommended that all instructors be EMS evaluators.

Tim is incorporating more in-class lectures. The classes remain online, hybrid, and in-person.

Scot inquired if the performance report provides data on areas where students are struggling.

Scot asked if the figures displayed were all students or non-Clark students.

Scot hopes to partner with Tim and collaborate more to tease out the Clark students from the non-Clark students so that he can provide Tim with what he needs.

Shaun shared that the DOH is implementing an exit survey for all students.

ACTION ITEMS

- Tim will investigate whether there are figures that can distinguish Clark College data regarding the performance report.
- Shaun will receive an official letter of support from the county chief for beginning a paramedic program at Clark College.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores