



HIM -MINUTES
Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, at 5:30 PM.
Zoom

Members Present: Merryl Blatnik, April Andrews, Sean Moore

Members Absent: Chasity Palacios, Karin LaValla

Clark College: Olga Lyubar, Scot Headley, Elizabeth Flores, Janine Rieck

The meeting began at 5:39 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next on November 13th, 2024.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee was unable to approve the previous minutes from February 21st, 2024 due to quorum.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot discussed the search for a Vice President of Instruction.

Scot talked about the ongoing search for the Faculty Lead of the Surgical Tech program at the College. The Surgical Tech program is currently under review by the state board, and the College is awaiting approval. Scot provided updates regarding the program.

Scot shared that the first cohort will begin in the spring of 2025.

Scot announced that the College Commencement will be on Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

Scot shared the College budget update and noted the College may increase the budget in high-needs areas.

HEALTHCARE CAMP

Olga shared the details for the upcoming Healthcare Camp from June 24th to 26th, 2024. Olga welcomed volunteers for panel speakers and classroom assistants; please contact Olga.

Olga discussed Lisa and Christina's efforts to support healthcare outreach to high schools and outreach events.

HIM CLUB AND EVENTS

Janine shared updates on the HIM club and mentioned the club elected a new president and president-elect. The HIM club continues volunteering at the Penguin Pantry to receive club funding.

Janine discussed changes to the club's re-chartering to allow club funding to support graduation for associate graduates.

Janine announced that the program received monetary funding for hosting the most activities.

Janine highlighted program events such as weekly hands-on medical coding support, a success coach speaker, and an upcoming spring social with the new cohort.

Janine discussed an upcoming panel speaker for the winter 2024 graduates; they will offer reflections, job searching updates, and more.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Olga discussed the graduating AAT class – 2024. There are 17 students graduating this summer of 2024. Graduation will be on Thursday, August 29th. During the contract signing for internship placements, Olga announced the addition of two new facilities to the program.

Olga discussed the current cohort and shared there are 19 CP students and 17 AAT students.

Olga discussed the graduating class of CP - Winter 2024, which consisted of 8 graduates.

April from Columbia River Mental Health announced that they had hired a graduate from the program.

OREGON AHIMA

Oregon AHIMA is conducting its annual meeting on May 16th-17th, 2024. Olga welcomed industry members to participate as this is a great opportunity for continuing education units.

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY

Olga partnered with Dakota University to create a booklet for marketing HIM careers to students. The booklet is expected to be completed by the end of July.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

April talked about the upcoming trends in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and shared insights on what the industry expects from these advancements.

April noted that Columbia River Mental Health has recruited many Clark College interns.

ACTION ITEM

The committee will review and approve the previous minutes from February 21st, 2024.

The committee will review and approve the bylaws.

The committee will create a work plan for the academic year of 2024-25.

The program will actively recruit more advisory committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores

