

**MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 \* 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

**Penguin Union Building, room 258B**

**Members Present:** Diane Buelt, Committee Chair, Legacy Health; Erik Kilgore, MD, Vancouver Radiologists; Debbie Mansell, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center; Heather Cassavoy, PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center; Loyal Betschart, Kaiser Permanente; Cathy Darrah, PeaceHealth St. Johns; Don Anderson, Portland Adventist;

**Members Absent:** Cynthia Falkenhagen, RT, Vancouver Radiologists; Ian Shupe, Providence Portland; Jenny Baker, Vice Chair, Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center;

**Clark College:** Debra Ortiz, Director of Allied Health; Jenefer King, Clinical Coordinator; Brenda Walstead, Interim Dean of Business & Health Sciences; Cathy Sherick, Associate Dir. Of Instructional Planning & Innovation; Shelley Ostermiller, Associate Director of Advising Services; Nichola Farron, Secretary Senior - Advisory Committees

Committee Chair Diane Buelt called the meeting to order at 6.04pm and introductions were made.

*The minutes of September 29 2015 were presented to the committee: Diane made the motion to approve the minutes as written, this was seconded by Don and approved unanimously.*

Office of Instruction Updates

Cathy Sherick reported that the Academic Plan has been completed and will be available to view online: it sets out the goals for College development around 6 thematic areas with a focus on guided pathway structure to facilitate retention and completion for students.

In addition, Cathy thanked those who had been able to attend the recognition event and outlined that next year will be an evening event, to hopefully include students.

A demonstration of the Career Coach portal was given that provides program and career guidance for students without the need for a password or log in.

The college is also rolling out a 10 week pre-apprenticeship program through the transitional studies department to provide entry level skills for the trades.

Director Report

Debbie confirmed to the committee that the MRAD program was cut as part of the budget reduction exercise by the College. As such, her position will be ending in June and she will be returning to Idaho. Debbie outlined that the current cohort will be supported through the teach-out schedule with graduation planned for December of this year.

Work Plan

The teach out was explained to the committee – the students have signed an agreement recognizing that there is a finite period in which courses need to be passed.

The committee asked what the main concerns were from students with regards to the teach-out: Brenda explained that most stem from the ‘what if’ scenarios that could cause them to miss the deadline. However, Brenda reassured the committee that the College is committed to assisting students and ensuring completion.

Shelley did emphasize to the committee that if students opted to go part time for example, then they would be unlikely to have the option to complete. Jenefer reiterated that any issues will have to be assessed on an ‘as and when’ basis.

The committee then discussed ideas around student interviews. Debbie emphasized that the State requires the Advisory Committee to remain active throughout the teach out – as such there will be a final meeting scheduled for fall. It is hoped that committee members will be able to provide student interviews going through the teach out.

Cathy also reiterated that the College wanted to ensure that the Advisory Committee members were able to most effectively use their time and engage with students, especially as the MRAD committee had such a positive history of this.

Old Business

Debbie outlined that, in order to keep accreditation for graduates, JRCERT asked for a ‘mini self-study’. She emphasized that the college is still doing everything according to required standards. The submitted documentation was due to be reviewed at a board meeting, also scheduled for today. As such the results would be available shortly. Debbie confirmed that she did not expect there to be any major deviations suggested.

The Committee also discussed temporary licenses for students: in Washington the license is not connected with a site, but in Oregon temporary licensing is site specific. However, at present, there are no students at Oregon sites.

Debbie then shared the latest outcome assessment results that demonstrated consistent student success in the program, and highlighted to the committee that this was a testament to Jenefer’s hard work and commitment to the students.

Debbie also shared some results of the student evaluation of their placement sites: the vast majority reported positive responses to their experiences, citing good supervision and constructive feedback.

New business

Cathy Darrah asked the question as to what the College’s plans are for the equipment once the program has completed. Brenda outlined that the hope is to be able to sell it, especially in view of the fact that a new consul was just purchased for $12,000. However, as the equipment belongs to the State, there would need to be some investigation as to what was feasible. This also prompted a committee discussion about forthcoming national regulations that may limit equipment options for machines still using film.

Debbie took an additional opportunity to thank the committee for the support given to the students over the years.

Diane then summarized the meeting before leading thanks to Debbie for all her hard work. Diane emphasized her pride in the program as someone involved from the inception, and reiterated the great success that has been achieved.

Next meeting date

The committee will meet for a final time, and it is hoped that students and alumni may be able to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th October at 6pm.

Diane adjourned the meeting at 6.56pm

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Prepared/Submitted by Nichola Farron