

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE -MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 6th, 2020 \* 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: Clark College @ WSU-Vancouver, room 124**

**Members Present:** Derrick Ogawa (Committee Chair), Walgreens; Zach McCall (Vice-Chair), Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center; Rene Bloemke, Net-RX; Bob Gustainis, Walgreens; Anthony Mauer, PeaceHealth St. John’s Hospital; Matt McCarty, Fred Meyer;

**Members Absent:** Cornel Brisc, Walgreens; Brenda Tallent, Legacy Health

**Guests:** Jeremy Bennett, Walgreens; Mario Rigo, Walgreens; Heather Kucklemann, Fred Meyer

**Clark College:** Heidi Fay, Dept. Head, Pharmacy Tech Department, Caytlyn Chin, Pharmacy Tech Instructor; Garrett Jones, Adjunct Instructor; Brenda Walstead, Dean of HEOC; Renee Schiffhauer, Associate Director of Advising; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees

Committee Chair Derek called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and introductions were made.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*As quorum was not present, the minutes of October 26, 2017 were sent out via electronic approval;*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will next meet on **Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 6:00pm.**

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION UPDATES**

Brenda Walstead made the following announcements:

The new President will be announced very soon; supposedly February 14th.

There have been a few series of emails about the budget. She has communicated and met with the Foundation to start discussions on the program budget. An idea was having the students creating a video for their capstone project. Amy Houger stated that her students are very good at creating such projects and it would be great for them to work with the college. Heidi Fay spoke on the importance of creating a video for the website, but that the timeline of the capstone projects isn’t soon so it will take a bit more time.

Heidi Fay discussed the department updates. A new cohort started in the fall with 25 students. It is now currently down to 19. There was a decision not to start a spring cohort. The next group will start again in the fall.

**WORK PLAN 2020**

Heidi Fay stated that student recruitment is very important. The career fairs at high schools wasn’t as successful as thought. There are recruiters at Clark that attend and know the ins and outs of such events. However, when Heidi attended only a few students came to her table. The next few times, she attended with the recruiters and it did help to work with them. Keeping them updated of the needs worked well. She went to Fort Vancouver and spoke with the students in the classes and that seemed to work better. Hopefully, she will attend 3-6/year.

**OPEN HOUSE**

The hope is to plan a HEOC open house (pharm tech, phlebotomy, nursing, etc.). It is important to advertise to the high schools, however there are many other people in our area that might be interested. Being able to show the community our labs and see what we are doing might be a great influence in their interest in attending the program. Derick and Matt both stated that they would be interested and would want to attend. Marketing the event would be work of mouth. Parking would be another issue as it would be at WSU Vancouver. Mario Rigo spoke on his previous experience going to a forum and having pizza. He also volunteered to attend the career fair in his uniform to promote the career.

Derrick spoke on his organization doing events where they are promoting the job recommendations already available and are also doing interviews as they attend.

The committee spoke on ideas that might help promote the program:

* A booth at the fair
* Linking the program to employment services (WorkSource)

**Action Item:**

* **Heidi and Brenda will work together to come up with some dates as well as the issue with parking at WSU Vancouver.**

**HEOC 104**

Heidi attended the 104 to give a brief explanation of the pharm tech career path.

**PROGRAM BROCHURE UPDATE**

Heidi Fay explained that the photographer came to the lab and took a whole bunch of new photos. She is currently working on updating the brochure. She has also received photos and testimonials from previous students from their employers. The hope is to get it up and running before the fall quarter.

**PROGRAM MAP/ADVISING**

Renee Schiffhauer spoke on the course offerings in place of HDEV. The goal is to speak on if they are applicable and will provide what the students will need. Brenda Walstead discussed working with Carmen Lilly and Heidi Fay on making sure that the students are taking the right classes for their pathway.

**ADJUNCT POOL**

Heidi Fay stated that there has been interest in the adjunct positions and will be moving forward with those options. There will be some needed help. Thank you to everyone that spread the word for the position.

**PTCE UPDATED**

The exam was updated as of January 2020. The program will be fine tuning what is taught. Most of the changes will need to follow ASHP accreditation.

**ASHP ACCREDITATION – SUMMER WORK**

Total credits will increase by 3 credits. Heidi presented an updated ASHP Accreditation program layout.

The majority of the suggested changes will occur during this spring, summer, and fall. The program needs to develop CARS for new labs, as they will be adding an extra credit in the 1st quarter and 2nd quarter.

Keeping the lab the same or splitting the lab into two?

* Jeremy stated that keeping the one lab is beneficial so that students can be all together for that time and not having to accommodate for two.
* Rene also agreed with the one saying that it will highlight the differences very well.

Heidi Fay went over the worksheet on what changes will occur.

QTR 3 lab suggestions for advanced concepts:

* Billing
* Audits
* Medication/therapy management
* Med reconciliation
* Potential tech check/aseptic technique

*It should be noted that these worksheets were sent out previously and voted on electronically. They were approved.*

The committee again agreed on the worksheets and Heidi moving forward with the new program pathway.

Outcomes will be edited and distributed

Any changes made will need to let the state of Washington know as well. The changes through the college will need to be approved, the state of Washington will need to approve, and then ASHP will need to approve. Having a trial run might take a long time to see if the program works and it will add more labor for the college.

Zach McCall suggested running this layout over to the ASHP contact to make sure it works.

Garrett Jones explained that the new externship sites need to make sure they follow the proper guidelines to the students allowing mixing. Students need to be held to the same standards as the employees. They need to do a sterile test, etc.

**EQUIPMENT UPDATES**

The program received a cash register and play money. The students will work on cash handling. ASHP has a specific outcome for students to work on that.

**INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Garrett Jones stated that Legacy is hiring supplemental and full time positions.

Derrick Ogawa spoke on Portland/metro area Walgreens is looking for 15-16 technicians.

Rene Bloemke is looking or hiring for 2 positions, however they are looking more for those that have been in the industry awhile.

The committee all agreed that all locations and organizations are looking for technicians.

Propac Payless is also hiring for 10 positions, which will be Pharmerica.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Prepared by SueAnn McWatters