



PHLE -MINUTES
Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.
Zoom

Members Present: Lisa Parkman, Heather Harris, Heather Havins, Forrest Murphy, Christy Cook (proxy-member for Arvinder Oberoi)

Members Absent:

Clark College: Scot Headley, Amy Castellano, Lori Anderson, Elizabeth Flores, Alex Kison, Ryan Johnson

The meeting began at 6:03 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from March 13th, 2024, have been approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot announced the new Vice President of Instruction, and he will start on July 8, 2024.

Scot announced the upcoming Health Care Pathways Camp from June 24th to 26th, 2024.

Scot announced that the College is bringing in a new tenure-track faculty member, James Reynolds, who will start this Fall of 2024 in the Surgical Tech program. The program has state approval, but it is waiting for accreditation approval.

OUTREACH

Amy announced that Lisa Barsotti was hired by the Medical Assisting Grant to recruit and assist other Allied Health programs with outreach support.

Amy discussed Lisa's participation in community events, multicultural resource fairs, and local schools and creating marketing materials for all the Allied Health programs.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Amy announced that the program is nearing the end of the Lab Corp affiliation partnership. The program has been in communication with Quest and is open to industry referrals or feedback.

Lori shared that Quest updated her and that they cannot partner with the program now. Lori recommends contacting Quest employers and employees and inviting them to participate in the advisory committee.

Heather Harriss inquired about Portland Kaiser student internships.

Lori shared the recent student placement in Oregon and is seeking one in Washington.

Amy discussed that the program always seeks placements in Vancouver to accommodate students.

ENROLLMENT

Amy mentioned that the program has 16 students who have completed their internships. One-third of the students have either been hired or have received job offers.

Amy shared that 13 students are completing their third quarter and preparing to go to clinical sites for the summer. She also discussed the successful placements at Legacy Salmon Creek and three sites with Lab Corp. The program aims to offer the students a range of inpatient and outpatient opportunities.

Amy discussed that some fall cohort comes from the Medical Assisting enrollment. The program will receive 8-10 students.

Amy discussed the program's low enrollment and aims to recruit 16 more students. Amy reported that 6 students have inquired about the program. The program anticipates filling the fall cohort with a mix of Phlebotomy and Medical Assisting students.

Amy is working with the advising team to ensure this transition for the fall quarter.

Lisa favors this plan to capture the opportunities to fill the program.

PILOT PLAN

Amy talked about taking part in the BUILD program at the College to enhance DEI resources and professional development training. She and her group observed a lack of resources for non-native English language speakers, which pointed out a significant gap among students. The program has introduced academic adjustments for non-native English speakers, following a model from Bellingham Community College.

Forrest talked about his experience with Providence's outpatient policies regarding language and liability.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Amy discussed that the program has collected feedback from clinical partners about the COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Amy reported that OHSU and Adventist still require COVID vaccination. However, Phlebotomy and Medical Assisting are changing the language, stating that most clinical sites strongly request vaccination, as they hope this broadens student recruitment.

Forrest discussed changing the language within his program to something similar. He recommended sharing with students that this could create challenges during the externships, so they are aware.

HAND DRAWN COMPETENCY

Amy discussed the program's required six areas of competency and reported that students have requested more hand drawings in the lab. The program is considering removing capillary competency and replacing it with hand-drawn competency.

Heather Havins favors this, as hand drawing is used frequently, and sometimes students are apprehensive with hand draws.

Forrest also favors this, and it is increasingly rare to use finger sticks as the technology moves toward hand draws.

TRACKING JOB PLACEMENTS

Amy asked the committee for recommendations on tracking job placements. The program has historically conducted a survey, but there has been a lack of response.

COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Lisa discussed the challenges of committee attendance and memberships.

Scot discussed the state board is concerned about this as well. Equal representation of employers versus employees is a requirement in the advisory committee.

Scot, Elizabeth, and Amy will work together to build recruitment and outreach to ensure advisory committee compliance.

ACTION ITEM

The committee will review the bylaws.

The committee will review the work plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores