

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 4, 2024

9:03am – 10:37am

Grill on the Hill

Attendees: Allison Cahoon, Brittany Nichols, Dr. Charles Schumacher, Dr. Crystal Blake, Erin Elledge, Frances Bravo, Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Dr. Julius Manz, Dr. Kelly Ryals (via Zoom), Keyshawn Yazzie, Linda Parks, Ruby Woodard, Sherry Paxson, and Yvette Tafoya

I. Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Personnel Changes

- New Adjuncts
 - Kylene Aikele, RDH
 - Teaching in Radiology.
 - Deborah Baker, RDH
 - Teaching in Radiology.

III. Application Process

- ATDH as Part of Application
 - The exam is geared towards Dental Hygiene.
 - The cost is \$140.
 - The SJC Testing Center is a location for students to take the exam.
 - The 2025 application will be the first year the Program is accepting only the ATDH.
- Application Essays and AI
 - Proctoring the essays could be an option.
 - Essays give an idea of how the students can write.
 - What is the College doing?
 - There's software being used.
 - Some do in person writing.
 - English classes are teaching how to use it correctly.
 - Dr. Thompson asked how did we handle the ones that used AI?
 - There wasn't anything stated in the application. Allison went over it during the Admissions Symposium.
- Interviews
 - Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Thompson, and Dr. Ryals are in favor of having interviews.
 - Could use a rubric.
 - Advisory Council interested in being the interviewers.
 - Maybe use student interview and see how they interact with each other.
- Standard Operating Procedures for accepting Foreign Students with BS Degrees/Dental Degree
 - Need to see what prerequisite course they would need to take.
 - Dr. Thompson suggested to make an exception for foreign dentists. In some states foreign dentists can take a Dental Hygiene test instead of going to Dental Hygiene school.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Veterans Stand Down is October 11th.
- Free CE is November 7th at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Zia Conference Center.
- Table Clinics are on November 14th at 6pm-8pm in the Merrion Conference Rooms.
- GKAS is scheduled for February 7, 2025.
- Prepping for Accreditation 2025
 - The Dental Hygiene Accreditation Site Visit is April 16-17, 2025.
 - Lunch with the Advisory Council is tentatively scheduled for April 16th at 12pm at the Grill on the Hill.
 - Members received a copy of the Advisory Council Accreditation Site Visit Responsibilities.
- Advisory Council Spring Meeting – Date, time, and location to be determined.
- Advisory Council Handbook
 - Copies were available for members to view.
 - Sherry is on the Advisory Council Handbook Committee and it is being updated.

V. Equipment and Acquisitions

- 9 new Cavitrons and Dual Selects
- HS Handpieces
- Handheld X-Ray Unit (working on a laptop)
- New Clinic Computers – Moved to new cabinets with cooling and monitors.
- New Wireless Wet Keyboards and Mouses
- Student Kits
 - Allison reviews every year and makes adjustments as needed.
 - The Program buys them, then the students pay for them through a course fee.

VI. Program Highlights

- Class of 2025
 - Has 10 students out of 12.
 - Students are preparing for LA Boards, Clinical Boards, and NBDHE.
 - No other NM schools are recommending or preparing students to take Clinical LA Board, we are though.
 - Frances shared her experiences with the Program.
 - CRDTS is scheduled for April 11, 2025.
- Class of 2026
 - Has 12 students out of 12.
 - 9 are from NM (Farmington, Bloomfield, and Flora Vista).
 - 3 are from CO (Hesperus, Mancos, and Cortez).
 - There were 32 applications received in 2024.
 - Allison has an IPE activity scheduled with the OTA Program this semester.
 - Keyshawn shared her experiences with the Program.
- SADHA Activities
 - Students elected new SADHA officers.
 - Radiology and possibly Infection Control will be part of the Spring Continuing Education Series.
 - Scientific Session is October 24th-25th.

- Kiddie Clinic Fundraiser is November 9th.
- Ideas for Future CE's
 - Periodontology
 - Sleep Apnea and TMJ – Dr. Schumacher
 - Dental Hygiene Management for Department Leads

VII. Miscellaneous

- The institution received Perkins funding and bought three Anatomage tables. Two are located in the Biology Department and one is located in the School of Health Sciences.
- Most of the graduates have jobs.
- Follow us on social media.

VIII. Conclusion

- The members were thanked for attending today's meeting. We appreciate their time, input, guidance, and support of our Program.

Submitted By: Ruby Woodard