

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, September 28, 2018 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, ROOM S-104

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: PJ Addy, Richard Carcabuso, Jerre Erwin, Angela Francois, Sandy Lethin, Jin Ma, Matt Marchisio, Alyssa Tugned, Jeremy Enfinger, Jill Chagnon, Shawn Fawcett, Cindy Purnell and Kimberly Mills. Members' present included individuals from Sharp, Scripps, Kaiser and Rady Children's.

MEMBERS ABSENT: 52 members were absent, including individuals from the facilities listed above. In addition, no representatives were present from the following medical centers, UCSD, VA, Palomar or Tri-City.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Richard Carcabuso at 11:14 am in S-104 at Mesa College.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were conducted at 11:15 am.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting minutes from April 20, 2018 were reviewed and Richard moved to approve the meeting minutes. Jeremy Enfinger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved and the motion was carried.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. **Workforce/Workplace Development** – Tina Recalde, Dean of Health Sciences opened the discussion with an invitation to the Appreciation Night for Advisory Committees. The next order of business was the announcement to delay the spring 2019 Ultrasound Program start date. There is student interest and faculty interest to teach, but zero interest from clinical sites. Interested students are happy with the delay so they can complete prerequisite courses. The Ultrasound program design was discussed and compared with UCSD's program. Mesa's program would be 18 months in length and students would spend the first semester in class and lab learning how to utilize the equipment before going to the clinical sites. Mesa would accept 15 – 16 students every two years vs. UCSD taking 4 – 6 every year. The question was asked, "Is there a need for training in the area"? The statement was made, if no site is interested, then Mesa should not open a program. Scripps member stated there is a need at Scripps for ultrasound techs. Cindy has met with George at Scripps to discuss the program, but still not able to sign a clinical affiliation agreement. George is retiring, so Cindy was given contact from Scripps Green, Lucina who is the regional director.

Kaiser member stated training an ultrasound student would negatively impact patient flow. Kaiser has a long-standing affiliation agreement with UCSD, but does not accept students. Sharp member stated Grossmont accepts one UCSD student, but unwilling to accept any more. Sharp Memorial occasionally accepts a student from the LA area. Tina suggested offering the program through contract education taking fewer students at a higher costs, but needs to check with accreditation first. A significant amount of money has been invested in this program thus far, should Mesa College continue or drop the program? Kaiser member noted that during the initial introduction phase three years ago, Kaiser would not be a clinical site and Mesa was asking for too many students. Labor market shows a need, but Kaiser and Scripps utilize traveling techs to fill those positions because they do not need to train them.

Action/Decision/Assignment: All members willing to go back and ask department managers and directors if they are open to signing a clinical affiliation agreement and taking on students. Tina thanked the committee for their participation and will look into contract education an option and notify the committee of the outcome.

- b. **Accreditation Standards** – JRCERT Standard 1.2 Provides equitable learning opportunities for all students. Some facilities restrict the observation and participation of HSG exams to only female students. Per JRCERT Standards, the program must find a solution to be in compliance. The suggestion is to allow male students the opportunity to observe and participate in HSG exams at one of the clinical affiliates; otherwise, no student, male or female, will be allowed to observe or participate in HSG exams.

Action/Decision/Assignment: Sharp Chula Vista performs HSG exams monthly and will allow male students the opportunity to observe and participate in this exam. The patient must consent to a student observing and participating in the procedure.

JRCERT Standard 1.4 Limits required clinical assignments for students to not more than 10 hours per day and the total didactic and clinical involvement to not more than 40 hours per week. Currently the program is in violation of this standard since students are scheduled during the summer semester 40 hours per week in addition to a didactic class.

Action/Decision/Assignment: The committee agreed to reduce the summer semester clinical hours from 40 hours/week to 32 hours/week. The majority of committee members liked the Tuesday – Friday schedule for both first and second year students. Sharp Grossmont expressed some concerns and asked if they could schedule the first year students Monday – Thursday and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students Tuesday – Friday at their

facility. Discussion ensued and members were in favor of scheduling students Tuesday – Friday with the exception of Sharp Grossmont. This change will need to go through curriculum committee to decrease the units/hours for RADT 254C and RADT 255C.

Another clinical scheduling concern was raised in requiring 1<sup>st</sup> year students to do 18 week clinical spring rotation. The discussion was whether starting 2 weeks earlier was really beneficial. Some members felt that a 6 week winter break was too long, while others felt that students need the rest. A suggestion was introduced to add Fridays to the 1<sup>st</sup> year spring semester and students would be scheduled for 16 weeks as opposed to 18 weeks. This would change the 1<sup>st</sup> year spring clinical DCP schedule from Tuesday/Thursday to Tuesday/Thursday/Friday. This will need to go through curriculum committee to increase the units/hours for RADT 254B.

Action/Decision/Assignment: After careful discussion, the committee decided to change the 1<sup>st</sup> year DCP Clinical schedule from Tuesday/Thursday to Tuesday/Thursday/Friday. This will provide students with more clinical time during the 1<sup>st</sup> spring semester and help ease the spring to summer semester transition from 3 days/week to 4 days/week as opposed to the current schedule of 2 days/week to 5 days/week.

The committee was advised of a new attendance policy that would provide students with one sick day per semester that would not need to be made up. A second point to the policy is that students missing more than 5 clinical days will be dismissed from the program. The policy leaves room for discretion for unforeseen circumstances such as illness, injury, family death, etc. Prior to this policy, students were calling in sick several times per semester (more than 5 days) and simply making up the time. This was creating a burden for the clinical sites scheduling make up time. Furthermore, all members felt students need to understand the importance of not calling in sick, since this behavior will not be tolerated once employed.

Action/Decision/Assignment: The committee voted in favor of the new attendance policy.

- c. **Continuance of Fluoroscopy Permit School** – Discussion opened with why do we still operate a Fluoroscopy Permit School? This school is not required for students to graduate and take the CA Fluoroscopy Permit exam through the ARRT. The Fluoroscopy Permit School does not offer courses to anyone outside the program. All program students will continue to log their fluoroscopy exams, including c-arm procedures and

the technologists' initials; however, they will no longer need the technologist certification number/expiration date.

Action/Decision/Assignment: After careful discussion, Jerre moved to close the San Diego Mesa College Fluoroscopy Permit School. Richard Carcabuso 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved and the motion was carried.

5. CONINTUING BUSINESS: The committee was asked if they had any questions regarding the new Student Handbook or any program policies. The committee also discussed the current clinical evaluations, weekly tech evaluation and clinical instructor evaluations. Why are the evaluations different, using different questions? Is the evaluation too long? Can we change the scoring rubric from 5 point scale to 3 point scale?

Action/Decision/Assignment: Committee members will continue to review the clinical evaluations with Clinical Coordinator and discuss the changes at the next meeting.

Annual onboarding for students at the clinical sites was discussed and it was determined that not all facilities perform annual training, some only perform initial placement training. The JRCERT Standards address training, but they do not specify annual vs. initial. Kaiser performs annual training and Jerre suggested semi-annual or even semester training in Standard Precautions. Sharp and Scripps perform initial training to students, so only once/two year program.

Action/Decision/Assignment: Each member will check with their Education Department to verify if annual training is needed. The program director will follow up with medical facilities not present to verify whether students do annual or initial training in Standard Precautions.

6. NEXT MEETING: The committee did not schedule the date for a spring meeting, but did agree to a Friday spring meeting at the same time, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
7. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman, Richard Carcabuso adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.