

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, April 26, 2019 12:00 PM, ROOM S-104 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Carcabuso, RT, Sharp Chula Vista
Angela Francois, RT, Scripps Mercy
Sonia Green, RT, Scripps Encinitas
Marlene Taylor, RT, Scripps Encinitas
Kristin Nelson, RT, VA
Rebecca Rivera, RT, UCSD

FACULTY/STAFF PRESENT:

Kimberly Mills, Program Director
Jill Chagnon, Clinical Coordinator
Jeremy Enfinger, Adjunct Faculty
Jerre Erwin, Adjunct Faculty

MEMBERS ABSENT: 27 members were absent and the advisory committee member list has been updated. In addition, no representatives were present from the following medical centers, Kaiser, Palomar, Rady Children's or Tri-City.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Richard Carcabuso at 12:12 pm in S-104 at Mesa College.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were conducted at 12:13 pm.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting minutes from September 28, 2018 were reviewed and Richard moved to approve the meeting minutes. Jill Chagnon 2nd the motion and all members approved so the motion was carried.
4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:
 - a. **Ultrasound Program:** Kim Mills provided an update on the status of the ultrasound program. At the present time, Mesa College is not prepared to open a new program without significant clinical affiliates to support that program. Jeremy added that Scripps did not have a shortage of ultrasound technologists and didn't see an immediate need for another program. It was also noted that UCSD still maintains an ultrasound program in San Diego.
 - b. **Fluoroscopy Permit School:** The Fluoroscopy Permit School was officially closed on March 1, 2019 with the CDPH-RHB.
 - c. **Accreditation:** The JRCERT Self-study document has been submitted and awaiting for site visit dates tentatively scheduled for October 2019. The members will be notified of the actual site visit dates and which facilities will be selected for inspection.
Kim Mills reviewed the strengths and concerns for the program. The clinical sites and clinical instructors are definitely program strengths as

well as the campus x-ray lab and adjunct faculty. The only concern was associated with the multiple transitions in program director leadership that led to gaps in administrative responsibilities. The new director has been working with program faculty and college staff to bring about stability and consistency to the academic side of the program.

Action/Decision/Assignment: Kim Mills will keep all clinical instructors informed when the JRCERT site visit is finally scheduled and which sites have been selected for an inspection.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Academic Assessment:** The new academic assessment plan for 2019 was shared with the committee. The members approved of the revisions and look forward to assessment results at the fall meeting.

Action/Decision/Assignment: The committee approved of the new academic assessment plan for implementation in 2019.

- b. **Share Program Effectiveness Data from 2014 – 2018:** Below is the latest Program Effectiveness Data shared with the committee.

- 5-year ARRT pass rate = 98%
- 5-year job placement = 97% with 2018 results still pending
- Annual completion rate = 91% for 2018 graduates

- c. **Clinical Schedules:** During the September 28, 2019 meeting, the committee agreed to reduce the summer clinical hours from 40 – 32 to be in compliance with the JRCERT Standard 1.4. Unfortunately, the reduction in hours created an issue as the curriculum data on file with the State could not be updated in time. As a result, students will need to complete a minimum of 360 clinical hours to earn 7.5 units for the summer DCP course. Jill outlined the clinical schedule hours that will bring the program into compliance with the JRCERT Standard 1.4 and the State. This schedule is only necessary for this summer semester only.

Action/Decision/Assignment: The new clinical hours for summer 2020 will be 32 hours/week x 10 weeks = 320 total clinical hours. The current clinical schedule is only necessary for summer 2019.

- d. **Program Policy:** The committee discussed the new progressive discipline documentation for specific policies currently in place. All members felt the verbal warning for 1st offense, written warning for 2nd offense, and program dismissal for 3rd offense for each policy was

reasonable. Marlene stated this was a good approach to educate students in real world expectations once they become technologists.

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

- e. **Workforce Development:** The final new business was to solicit feedback regarding the current career exploration requirement. Since Kaiser and Sharp Memorial have stopped all volunteer services for students, this inadvertently created an influx at the remaining clinical facilities. In addition, the remaining hospitals increased the volunteer commitment from 50 to 100 hours without informing the program. As a result, more students are appearing at those sites creating an undue burden. The committee discussed the value in career exploration and felt it has become more of a burden and not very useful for the program or prospective students. In fact, the high number of students waiting to volunteer poses a challenge for all radiology departments in maintaining a 1:1 student-tech ratio.

Action/Decision/Assignment: Angela moved to eliminate the career exploration effective immediately and Kristin 2nd the motion. All members unanimously approved so the motion was carried.

- f. **Graduation:** The committee was apprised that graduation for the class of 2019 will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 in the Mesa Commons 211 room. The room capacity can expand up to 40 seats if we open the glass doors, at the expense of no air conditioning. A discussion ensued about the unbearable heat from last year's graduation, the unnecessarily long video of student pictures and awards for every student.

Action/Decision/Assignment: The committee agreed to limit the seat capacity to accommodate for air conditioning during graduation. The ceremony will also eliminate unnecessary awards and student videos. Angela agreed to purchase larger water bottles for graduation.

6. NEXT MEETING:

- a. Tentatively scheduled for late September 2019.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Kristin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 pm and Jeremy 2nd the motion, all approved to adjourn the meeting.