

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE
DENTAL ASSISTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018, 6:00 PM, ROOM S305**

MINUTES

PRESENT

David Milder, DDS
Cathy Holl, Member
Laura Collins, Faculty
Corinne Caterina, RDA
Claudia Perkins, Faculty
Alejandro Pan, Student Rep.
Budur Moctezuma, Student Rep.
Malika Johnson, DDS

Vicky Pitiquen, RDA-member
Shawn Faucett, guest
Cindy Purcell, Program Support Tech-guest
Tina Recalde, Dean
Sher Cox, Benco Associate-member
Karen Becera, DDS-member
Margaret Fickess, Program Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00p.m.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** All present introduced themselves
3. **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2018 MINUTES** - Approved
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - a. Enrollment
Fall 2018- 27 students = 3 males and 24 females – 1 student dropped for family reasons.
 - b. 2018 graduates- Margaret – sent survey re: employment, licensure, credential. Very low response - 2. Sent survey out twice.
Jobs – 3 working
18 graduates – 17 graduated, 1 incomplete. 1 started hygiene program
 - c. RDA Exams - Took RDA- August: 3 took, 3 pass
 - d. Update on the change of the summer classes – DENA 050 first 5 weeks, DENA 056 Basic Dental Science second 5 weeks. Margaret – Because of attrition. Discussed plans to improve student “strength” in academics. So we moved DENA 056 to summer. Results – academically they were more prepared. We will continue offering two courses during the summer session.
 - e. Update on the time change for classes in the fall with the start time at 8 a.m. Budur – student rep stated it helps her having a later morning start time.
 - f. CDA Cares – April – 2017-2018 Students attended this event – 7 students attended. They had a great experience – “They were changed”.
 - g. DDS volunteering to pre-screen patients for x-ray – this worked very well last year. Thank you Dr. Cassatt. Laura explained the need and how well it worked for the students last year. We will be doing this again.
 - h. DCP sites-many sites have been approved since the hiring of the Program Support Tech, Cynthia Purnell. Margaret explains DCP and introduces Cindy Purnell. Cindy explains her involvement – reaching out to local dentists and answers questions regarding “externship”. Cindy also does the site visit and agreements so everything is ready for the spring DCP. Also she finds that dentists are also interested in volunteering. She also looks at online reviews and even “cold calls”. All DCP contracts are approved by the District Board. Standard contracts can extend for 5 years. Dean Recalde explains how this

position has really assisted faculty. (Vicky Pitiquen started working with an office/offices and they may be interested in student DCP)

- i. District's classified ILT position for Allied Health – Dean Recalde explains full time position – Assisting dental and medical assisting faculty setting up lab
- j. Perkins- 2018-19 – Margaret – we received all equipment – amalgamators – digital, BP- digital and handpieces.
- k. CODA site visit – Feb. 28 and March 1, 2019 – last visit was 2012. Dr. Milder remarked how well Mesa did. The site team likes to meet with advisory committee proposed date - Feb. 28.
- l. Self-study packet for CODA accreditation – Margaret and Laura working to complete the voluminous packet. Claudia will assist as a reviewer. Time schedule to get to Dean and President by Nov. 22 and must be sent to CODA by December. Program was given re-assigned time to work on the self-study.
- m. RDAEF Update: Dr. Johnson– talked with UCLA – UCLA stopped their program because too many other private programs. Possibly good for Mesa, because San Diego RDAs may be more open to a local program. Sher shares that in Temecula, Murrieta there are more RDAEFs because of proximity to Los Angeles. So perhaps a more local program will succeed. Dean Recalde- Our College researched data for regional EFs. They looked at “postings” and there are not many. Perhaps because employed RDAs stay within the practice and get EF that way so therefore no postings. Committee recommends survey to see the interest for the EFs. Dean also stated that “lab technician” kept coming up so the committee explained the position of lab technician and Dr. Milder said there is a shortage of lab technicians. There was a brief discussion regarding lab technician training. Dr. Johnson asks if no data no funding? Possibly. May need to survey local DDS to gauge interest – Dr. Johnson will contact “Mike” at San Diego County Dental Society to put out a survey.

5. CURRENT & RELEVANT CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR LEC/LAB

- a. Impression Material – Nothing ground breaking now however moving more toward scanning and alginate substitutes. Polyether is not being used.
- b. Pano or 3-D CBCT? Drs. think if budget allows, go for the CBCT.
- c. Salary – Laura asks if any discussion by local dentists regarding starting salaries in relation to increase in minimum wage. The committee has not heard any discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Allied Health Summit event – Sept. 18. Cindy explains the event – Industry shared issues with educators and how they can work together to meet the needs of industry. Very successful.
- b. Dr. Milder impressed with event, Margaret attended, Dean was the MC, Dr. Johnson and Claudia Perkins attended. Dean talked about the industry needing employees with “21st century skills” (soft skills). Shawn shared her experience at the Summit – specifically how many students change career paths
- c. Perkins 2019-2020 – Upcoming. Margaret explains now within Program Review. Attending trainings on how to incorporate this new system. Also includes Strong Work force program. Dean recommends including RDAEF and Lab Technician in the Review
- d. Program Review – See above

- e. Students share their experience with the program. Happy with the program hours and uniforms
 - f. Distributed invitation to Board of Trustees Industry Advisory Committee Appreciation
7. **NEXT MEETING:**
- a. Spring – Tuesday, March 19, 2019
 - b. Fall – Oct. 15, 2019
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- a. Luncheon with CODA during site visit. Date and time to be announced
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:42 p.m.