



Moore Norman Technology Center Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting called by:	Meleah Meadows	Type of meeting:	Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Date of meeting:	October 12, 2010	Time of meeting:	6:00 PM
		Meeting Place:	North Dining & A123
In Attendance:	Ruth Eckenstein, Dr. Paul Massad, Kelia Crabbe, Shawna Bridwell, Hillary Burton, Carol Oda, Leah Bryant, Stephanie Simon, Gwen Sparks		

Review of previous meeting minutes were conducted by Dr. Paul Massad. He moved that we accept the minutes.

Welcome and Introductions were offered by Meleah. At our meeting tonight we have four members of our most recent graduating class. Several of our students are working in or at Duncan, VA, OU Medical Center, Owasso and possibly one of our previous students is working out of state.

Graduates

- Registry and Exams: All of the graduates are registered except two. The job market they have found to be tight around this area. There are many new hospitals opening up and hopefully in the near future more jobs will be available.

New Class

- This current class began in June 7, 2010; we began with ten students and have lost one student. Graduation for this class will be toward July-Aug 2011.

Next Class Application Dates

- Application period for the next class will begin May 2 – August 16, 2011. With a start date of October 24, 2011 (after fall break).

Anatomy and Physiology Prerequisite – Meleah asked the board their thoughts by placing a requirement on how recent the Anatomy prerequisite must be completed before applying to the program? Meleah stated that both she and Natalie spend a lot of remediation time with students that had completed this prerequisite but it had been completed many years ago. Would the board agree with requiring applicants to have completed Anatomy within 3-5 years of the DMS career major start date?

- Hillary Burton agreed with this requirement.
- Ruth Eckenstein agreed and stated applicants could take a "Challenge Test".
- Dr. Paul Massad stated possible applicants who had completed within 3 years would automatically meet the requirement. Those applicants who had completed Anatomy 3-5 years previous must complete a "Challenge Test" before this requirement would be met.
- Ruth mentioned possibly if the applicants were chosen early enough the students could take an online refresher course for Anatomy which does not require a proctor.
- Kelia stated possibly applicants could be given an "Anatomy Packet" to have completed before the first day of school. This would serve as a refresher course.
- Board members all agreed that with completion of Anatomy within three years will meet the requirements for the DMS Career Major. Applicants with completion of Anatomy after three years must take a "Challenge Test" in order to meet the prerequisites.

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Shadowing in Sonography department before application

- Kelia stated this is very easy for paperwork to be falsified. It would also be hard for applicants to be accepted by the patients for shadowing.
- Stephanie Simon (Director of Long-term Health Education at MNTC) explained that applicants might be required to attend an OB Clinic day prior to classes beginning.
- Ruth asked if we could have a small video for them to watch during our orientation meeting all accepted applicants are required to attend.
- Board agreed not to require "shadowing prior to acceptance" into DMS career major.

Essay Topic – For quite a few years now we have had the same essay topic for applicants. Meleah asked for other ideas for our next application period.

- Ruth offered the idea that applicants have the choice of two topics to research online and then write their essay. Possible topic could be; "How will healthcare reform affect Sonography?"
- Stephanie stated when applicants arrive for their interview after making the first round selections. Each applicant would write one paragraph on "Why they want to be a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer".
- Dr. Paul Massad agreed with putting the applicants on the spot, keep them under stress, and see how they react.
- Meleah will ask a current student what the essay question for applicants to OU this past year as she applied there as well.

Fundraisers – Funds going towards Registry that will be held in Birmingham, AL in the Spring of 2011.

- Pie Sales for delivery before the holidays this fall.
- Sonic Cards
- Blue & Gold Sales

Equipment Needs/Request/Purchases – Dr Massad will contact our sales representative for the Phillips Machine for a spare Trans-Vag Probe.

Input from the board- Nothing at this time

Dr Massad said that Mondays work well for him for future meetings.

Adjournment – 7:05pm

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