

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Division of Health Professions

Emergency Medical Sciences

Advisory Committee Meeting – December 11, 2008

PRESENT: Bruce Farris
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Shelly Tevis
Brent Stafford
Harvey Conner
Jo Ann Cobble
Leaugeay Barnes
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Terri Walker
Conrad Ballare
Sean Lauderdale
Greg Gardner
Sherri Givens
Rusty Moore
Kim Moore
Larry Terry
Eddie Manley
Roger Ford

1. Introductions

Dr. Sout brought the meeting to order and began with introductions. He further stated that he had been working with Morning Star in Lawton for the last several weeks and would continue so. Dr. Cody who was not able to attend today will be taking his place as Medical Director in the future.

2. Update

Jo Ann introduced Greg Gardner, the new Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs who has been with the college for six months. Jo Ann also introduced Jennifer Dodson who is the fourth staff position in the division to help maintain the excessive office duties.

Jo Ann informed the committee that enrollment is up in our division and since the year 2000 there has been a significant increase of more than three times the

students but the division has only increased faculty and staff by twice their original numbers.

Everyone has settled into the new building and enjoying the additional instructional and lab space. The ADL lab is fairly complete. Jo Ann offered a tour of the new facility to anyone interested.

Greg Gardner informed the committee that there were 12,853 students this semester which was an amazing number of students to be in one place. Mr. Gardner expressed his appreciation for the EMS Program and added that if there was anything Academic Affairs could do for the program to let them know.

Jo Ann added that OCCC was the fifth largest single campus college in the state.

3. Enrollment & Completion

Leaugeay reported that enrollment statistics in the handout show initial enrollment for F08. The national average attrition rate continues to be at 50-60%. One of the Basic courses was at 50% and the rest were in the low to mid 30s. It is looking better than it has in the past. Current enrollment is looking good. Leaugeay stated that EMS usually has a lower enrollment in spring for some reason. They are projecting PCI traditional to be full at 20-25. They already have 16 enrolled and have added another section. PC online interestingly began the semester with 13 and ended with 9. The traditional began with 23 and ended with 16. Both courses have the same attrition rate. Leaugeay stated they had expected the attrition rates to be a little higher for the online course. In some tests, the online students have had a higher average score and in the rest have held steady with the traditional class. Harvey Connor reported that after tracking the raw and medium scores and consistently they have been 5-7 points higher per exam than the on-campus class. Harvey reported that this isn't atypical for online courses. Online course grades tend to be a little higher than the traditional course grades. All parameters are the same including exams which are administered in the Test Center. There is no difference in the age of the students between the classes but there is a difference in work experience. Most students in online program are either working fire services or EMS. They are in the online program due to their work schedule. They come in with experience and in the past, students who have come into the program with work experience have been in the top of the class. Leaugeay stated they did expect a little more attrition. She also mentioned that it's been a learning curve for them since this was the first online class. They have decided to wait until fall for another online course to be able to address issues. Several students have expressed interest in continuing the online courses and they have been encouraged to take Human Anatomy and Physiology in the Spring.

Leaugeay stated about 50% of the students in the online course were computer illiterate. They have talked to IT and are developing an orientation for the course to show them the lab areas, go over clinical packets, etc. Initially students were

against an orientation but decided after taking the course it would have been beneficial. Leageay reported they did not have a PCII course this semester. In PC III, 12 were enrolled, 2 did not meet the pre-requisites for the course. 1 was an academic dismissal but will return. PCIV had a 0 attrition. As far as completion, they would like to see an increase.

Leageay discussed the Achieving the Dream peer mentoring program that began this fall. The upperclassmen mentor the lower classman. It has been implemented across the board. They found they need to do a better job of informing PCIV students of what is expected of them. They are actually getting paid for it. They also had to go through the hiring process. In the program, they talk about that have to do with the college or the program. As it progresses, they may discuss what congestive heart failure is. They practice skills during that time as well. Basic students are made to feel more welcome and comfortable with the program.

Fire Mentor program started the fall as well. Approximately, 50-60% of EMS students want to be in the fire service. They have partnered with Oklahoma City Fire Department and they send a mentor once a month to talk with the students about the physical test, written test, interview process, rookie year. They also go to the fire dept in the first month, do a fitness assessment, and give a personal fitness workout and track them through the two years. Some of their clinicals will also be there. This will help them to improve their success with the physical tests.

4. NR Report / CBT Results-Nat'l, State, OCCC

Leageay reported the national pass rate was 68% on the first attempt. The programs pass rate this past year was 100% with 9 out of 11 testing. This is a significant improvement over the last year. The past rate for 2008 was 16 out of 19. This can help us to show where the weak and strong areas are. Report shows EMS Ops is a weak area and we are working on revamping that.

5. Accreditation Reports & Surveys

The survey results of the graduates from OCCC were that 100% felt that they were ready to take the test and they were very confident that they will pass on the first time.

Leageay reported that the accreditation report pass rates are increasing and the surveys are looking good. The employee's affective domain was low due to the small number of employers responding. There have been a couple of students with issues such as attitudes and lack of team playing but that area has been focused on and they are seeing an improvement.

The clinical instructors have a mandatory orientation and they are instructed to inform the students of what is expected of them in the area they will be. The

clinical instructors have become more aggressive in matters and have even sent students home from clinical.

Shelly asked the committee for ideas to relieve the shortage of clinical spots for the paramedics. Lobbying to have EMS done outside of NESAs on their own schedule was suggested. Just being persistent and finding contacts that would have more pull to help locate these spots.

6. Committee Input on Graduates/Curriculum/Program

Stacy Morton developed the medic of the day using the Oklahoma Medical Association model and the OMA was interested in having a person on the Coalition committee.

7. As May Occur

Leaugeay adjourned the meeting.