

Francis Tuttle – Oklahoma City Community College
Respiratory Care Program

Advisory Committee Meeting
November 1, 2007
3:30 pm

Members present:

Jody Wemhaner, Karen Hart, Lester Cash, Doug Odor, Canda Wilson, Julie Fanselau, Jackie McAffrey, Melody Beard, Troy Scott, Linda Lindsay, Andrew Hammontree, Clyde Moss, Debi Atchley, Shauna Cilberg, Kitty Kosechata, Betty Fisher, Pat Vaughn.

Karen Hart, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Jody Wemhaner introduced new FT employees including Andrew Hammontree the new Financial Aid officer and Troy Scott the new Health Careers Advisor.

Debi Atchley gave an overview of the new online RC courses in which she currently has 10 active students and one remediating student. Feedback from students has been positive. Debi expects her first graduates in May of 2008 depending upon the students completion of college general education requirements. Debi brought up for discussion the need for remediation of cardiopulmonary physiology and diseases for students who had been out of school a considerable length of time. She will investigate the purchase of remediation software. Discussion also followed concerning the appropriateness of requiring completion of the full six day rotation in Adult Critical Care in order to maximize advanced patient management skills. The Advisory Committee was supportive of this.

Discussion followed about the future direction of online classes. The Advisory Committee recommended curriculum to prepare therapists to complete the Asthma Educators and Neonatal-Pediatric Specialty Credentials. Debi and Lezli will investigate requirements for training for these examinations. Karen Hart suggested Karen Gregory as a resource.

Julie Fanselau recommended that all students be encouraged to attend a meeting of the Respiratory Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure. Lezli and Betty will include attendance at the Advisory Board as one of the options for professional development points.

Shauna Cilberg reviewed the programs Annual School Summary Report for graduates which showed a pass rate of 100% on all credentialing examinations for 2006 graduates. She also reviewed progress of current student toward

successful completion of required mock credentialing examination. There are currently a significant number of students that have not completed their Clinical Simulation examination and the faculty feel that they have not committed a significant effort to prepare. The Advisory Committee was supportive of the consequences of non-graduation and required remediation for students that don't complete this requirement by the deadline.

Lezli Heyland reviewed the graduate employers and graduate student surveys which are now entered directly into the CoARC annual report software. Results were all three or greater on a Likert scale indicating satisfaction. The cut score required by CoARC is 80% at a rating of 3 or greater. Lezli discussed the difficulty in getting surveys returned by graduates. The Advisory Committee volunteered to assist in increasing returned surveys. The program faculty will send graduate surveys for all non-responding students to their employer for completion and forwarding to the school.

Clyde Moss gave a short update on clinical rotations currently in progress and asked for any suggestions for improvement by the advisory committee.

Lezli Heyland gave a short update on the upcoming accreditation schedule which should include a self-study report submission in April 2008 followed by an on-site visit in the fall of 2008.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is the annual dinner meeting which will be held on April 24, 2008.

The faculty thanked the committee members for their support.

The meeting was adjourned by Karen Hart, Chairperson.

Lezli Heyland, Recorder