



Moore Norman Technology Center Advisory Minutes

Meeting called by:	Kim Shannon Dana Miles	Type of meeting:	Surgical Technology Advisory Board Meeting
Date of meeting:	April 14, 2008	Time of meeting:	4:30 pm
		Meeting Place:	H203

In Attendance: Linda Miles, Stephanie Simon, Deborah Myers, Dianne Baker, Myrna Moore, Phyllis Michand, Gib Jordan, Claudia Burton

Welcome and Introductions – Kim and Dana welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A brief introduction of all those in attendance followed.

Student News – We will have 16 students graduate next month. Seven of those students already have been hired by surgical facilities and the others have good prospects. In years past we have always had 100% placement and we feel this will also be the case this year.

We currently are using 19 clinical sites which provide us with a total of 27 spots. This has been helpful in providing a good surgical rotation for our students. We also have a new clinical site lined up for next year.

HOSA Updates – Our student participated in the HOSA State competition in Oklahoma City last week. Nine of our students placed in the top 20% in the Kaiser Permanente Event. Kaiser Permanente competitors are judged on their knowledge of current healthcare issues. We also had four 2nd place winners and three 3rd place winners. We will potentially have a total of 11 students competing at Nationals in June.

Car Show – Our students are selling snacks and drinks at this weekend's Annual Car Show at Andrew's Park in Norman. We will set up a booth and sell refreshments as part of our class fundraiser. Money earned during our fundraisers helps defray the cost of traveling to Nationals.

Conference Updates – OKSA has two big meetings each year where attendees can earn 7 CEU's. The fall meeting is in Tulsa and the spring meeting is in Oklahoma City. The next one will be on Saturday April 26, 2007 at the MNTC Penn Campus. We have 7 guest speakers registered and we are expecting between 150 – 170 attendees.

Clinical Sites and Possible Evening Clinicals – Kim and Dana advised that we have not had as large a student applicant pool as in the past. We have been discussing the possibly offering an evening Surg Tech Program; however we first need to see if we would have enough evening clinical sites to support the program. Kim is in the process of gathering information before she presents the idea to Administration.

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Curriculum News – Oklahoma City Community College has approached us to add additional credits to our program. OCCC has not seen as many of our students graduate with an Associates Degree in Surgical Technology. Students need to take additional credits to earn the AA Degree. OCCC has reviewed our curriculum and has decided to give us additional credits for Technical A&P and Micro & Sterilization. Those additional 8 credits would be specific to Surgical Technology only. Our students will now earn 40 college credit hours towards their Associates Degree.

The State Department of Career Technology is requiring all Technology programs to unify their curriculum by moving curriculum from programs to courses. This means our curriculum is broken down into specific courses that co-inside with programs across the state. This way if a student transfers from one technology center to another, it is easier to determine what part of the curriculum the student has already completed and what is still needed.

Legislative News – Dana (president of OKSA) updated us on the latest legislative news. In the past it was not required for students to graduate from an accredited program or even to be certified. This is changing. Hospitals want students to graduate from an accredited program and prefer students that are certified. In order to be more aware of the situation and to promote legislation to sponsor a bill to require Surgical technologists to be certified, Dana organized a Day at the Capitol. Over 100 Surg Tech students from 7 different programs arrived at the capitol to handout information and to talk to their legislators about certification requirements. They received a very positive response and it was a great success. There was such a positive response that Dana received a call from the AORN group who requested to have a roundtable meeting at Baptist Medical Center. The president of AORN board, their attorney, and their board members met with Dana, Kim, another OKSA board member, and Ben Price who is in charge of legislation nationally for the AST. It seems that things are moving forward and hopefully by next May a bill will be ready to go to the senate.

Equipment – During our last session we requested a Laparoscopic Simulator. The cost for this piece of equipment is approximately \$2000.00. We have not received it at this time; however appropriations for this equipment should be forthcoming shortly.

Recommendations – none

Open Discussion – A question was asked as to how old the average student is for the surgical technology program. Kim responded that our student ages vary every year. This year our youngest student is 19 and the oldest is 45.

Myrna wanted to know how to become more involved with OKSA certification efforts. Dana said that once we get a bill we will contact as many Surg Tech's in the state by email etc. to have them show up at the capitol.

Adjourned: 6:00 pm

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