

**Minutes  
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee  
February 27, 2002**

Present: Dr. John Wise, Chair, Dr. Brad Dean, Glenna Johns RDH, Dianna Prachyl RDH, Dr. E.T. Boon, Dr. Regina Powe, Dr. David McCarley, Dr. Tammy Gough, Teppy Williams RDH, Dr. Nahid Nikpour, Joanne Fletcher RDH

Excused: Gary Hodge

Absent: Dr. Jeff Williams, Dr. Dean Jensen, Dr. Lynne Gerlach, Dr. Anthony Bolin  
Recorder: Joanne C. Fletcher RDH MS

Topic	Discussion
Welcome 6:45PM	Joanne Fletcher thanked the committee for their support.
Old Business	Curriculum Changes: Joanne Fletcher asked the committee for recommendations to improve the quality of the dental hygiene curriculum. Dr. Regina Powe, who employs a recent graduate of the program, is delighted and impressed with the quality of her work. No changes were requested.
New Business	
Clinic Supervising Dentists	The following are currently clinic supervising dentists: Dr. Bob Swepston Dr. Michelle Johnson Dr. Kevin Black Dr. Jeffrey Dryer Joanne Fletcher discussed the need for additional supervising dentists in the clinic. Members of the committee offered to seek out potential candidates that may be interested in the positions. Dentists are paid approximately \$200 per day. The following committee members volunteered time for this semester: Dr. Brad Dean, Dr. James Williams, Dr. Regina Powe, Dr. David McCarley, and Dr. Tammy Gough.
Faculty and Staff Information	JoAnn Scofield, a full time faculty member will be leaving her position to teach at Baylor. She wishes to pursue research on addictions. The program will be seeing a new full time faculty member. The possibility of opening the position to a dentist was discussed. Part time faculty members include: Sherry Rackley: Part time clinical instructor Louann Crawford: Part time clinical instructor Karen vonKalow: Part time: Dental materials instructor Marianne Dryer: Part time clinical instructor Full time Faculty members: Joanne C. Fletcher Dr. Nahid Nikpour Danielle Levesque JoAnn Scofield

Admissions	Joanne Fletcher reviewed admission applications for the class of 2004 during spring break. Approximately 100 applications were received for 16 positions. Approximately 30 members of the applicant pool are qualified. Interviews will be scheduled for 16 applicants to “market the program”. Many candidates apply to several programs.
Alternate Training of Dental Hygienists	Alternate Training of Dental Hygienists’ in the State of Texas was discussed. Joanne Fletcher noted that applicants ask many questions regarding this issue. Some of the Advisory Committee members were unaware of what the meaning of “alternate training”. A general discussion followed.
Clinic Patients	Joanne Fletcher discussed the importance of finding appropriate clinic patients. The students need periodontal classification Class III and IV patients in order to complete requirements. The Advisory Committee was asked to refer patients to the clinic.
Class Update	The second year students will take their National Boards on March 26 <sup>th</sup> and the WREB exam is scheduled late April and early May. Some students are in need of WREB patients. The board will assist in locating appropriate patients. They have all passed their jurisprudence examination.
Articulation Agreements	Joanne Fletcher has completed an articulation agreement with Texas Woman’s University. Dr. Chris Beatty, TWU dental hygiene director, guest lectured to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year class on the option of continuing their education at TWU.
New Equipment	Digital radiography has been purchased for the dental hygiene clinic. A Schick system will be integrated with “Eaglesoft Dental Software”. A new server has been installed to accommodate this system. The digital radiography system should be operational within the next several weeks.
Service Learning	Service learning activities were presented to the committee. The dental hygiene department is working at promoting a spirit of “civic responsibility” in all students. Students will participate in service learning activities to incorporate into their student portfolio.
Awards	The committee was asked if any members would like to sponsor an award for the graduating class. Dr. E.T. Boon presented a \$500 scholarship for an incoming student. Dr. Tammy Gough will ask the pediatric association to continue the “Dr. Paul P. Taylor Award”. Glenna Johns RDH and Dianna Prachyl RDH presented a check for \$100 for the “Future Dental Hygiene Leader” Award.
Important Dates	May 9 <sup>th</sup> : 3:00PM Awards Ceremony: Plano Centre 7:00PM Graduation: Plano Centre
Adjournment 8:33PM	

