

**Minutes  
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee  
February 28, 2001**

Present: Dr. Brad Dean, Glenna Johns RDH, Dianna Prachyl RDH, Dr. John Wise, Dr. Rob Levy, Dr. Regina Powe, Dr. David McCarley, Dr. Tammy Gough, Dr. Nahid Nikpour, Joanne Fletcher

Excused: Dr. ET Boon, Dr. L. Gerlach, Dr. John Findley, Gary Hodge

Absent: Dr. Jeff Williams, Teppy Williams RDH, Dr. Dean Jenson

Recorder: Joanne C. Fletcher RDH MS

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Welcome 6:45PM	Joanne Fletcher announced that the diversity of the committee has been increased to include professional and cultural diversity. Introduction of new member. Dr. Anthony Bolin to replace Dr. Robert Levy. Joanne Fletcher thanked the committee for their support.
Old Business	
Radiology Update	The program has assigned a faculty member to work with second year students for radiology evaluation and assistance. This is in response to suggestions from the Advisory committee during the April 12, 2000 meeting.
New Business	
Chair of Advisory Committee	Dr. Brad Dean's term as chair of the Advisory Committee will end this year. The committee elected Dr. John Wise as the new chair for 2001-2004.
Clinical Dentists	Dr. Bob Swepston Dr. Missy Jaynes (periodontist) Dr. Sam Nechamkin (periodontist 4 mornings) Dr. Carl Stewart (4 mornings) Dr. Catherine Lee Dr. Michelle Johnson Dr. Kevin Black Dr. Jan Jenkins Joanne Fletcher stressed the importance of early commitment to the various clinical sessions. Dentists are paid approximately \$200 per day.
Faculty and Staff Information	We hired a new full time faculty member. JoAnn Scofield is co-clinical coordinator along with Danielle Levesque and Nahid Nikpour. We are in need of a limited full time clinic secretary. The board was asked for assistance finding the appropriate individual for this position. New faculty positions: Louann (Devries) Crawford: Part time clinical instructor Karen vonKalow: Part time: Dental materials instructor Marianne Dryer: Part time clinical instructor
Publicity	Joanne Fletcher has been working to publicity for the dental hygiene program. She and two students were involved in the production of an informative video that was viewed on Channel 12. In addition, the dental hygiene program was featured on the front page of the McKinney Courier Gazette on Sunday, December 12, 2000. The magazine McKinney Living will publish a feature article on the program during the month of March.

Clinic Patients	<p>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.</p> <p>Understanding Spanish- speaking patients has been a problem for dental hygiene faculty.</p>
Evidence Based Curriculum	<p>The dental hygiene faculty has established competencies for the dental hygiene program. These competencies will be assessed and analyzed. The outcomes of these studies will be utilized for curriculum revision. A portfolio system of grading will be implemented beginning Fall 2001.</p>
Class Update	<p>The second year students will take their National Boards on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the WREB exam on May 4-7<sup>th</sup>. Many are in need of WREB patients. The board will assist in locating appropriate patients. They have all passed their jurisprudence examination.</p>
Articulation Agreements	<p>Joanne Fletcher with assistance from CCCC is in the process of working out an articulation agreement with Texas Woman's University.</p>
Committee Advise	<p>The committee was asked if there were needs that should be addressed by the dental hygiene program.</p> <p>Joanne Fletcher would like to utilize the school's existing technology (Sieman's units may be converted to digital) with Eaglesoft software and the VistaCam intraoral camera.</p> <p>Dr. Brad Dean suggested the assistance of Dr. Craig Lutke as technology consultant for general information.</p>
Service Learning	<p>The concept of service learning was presented to the committee. The dental hygiene department is working at promoting a spirit of "civic responsibility" in all students. CCCC has received national awards in this area.</p> <p>The committee was asked for site/group recommendations for dental hygiene students.</p> <p>Nahid Nikpour is establishing a "Nursing Home screening session". The volunteer services of a dentist will be needed.</p>

Committee Advice	Capital equipment funding is available for the dental hygiene department. Suggestions were received from the committee.
Important Dates	May 10 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM Awards and Pinning Ceremony at the <b>Plano Center</b> Followed by 7:00PM Graduation Ceremony
Student Scholarship and Awards	<p>Scholarship and endowment funds are being established for dental hygiene students.</p> <p>The following scholarships will be established:  E. T. Boon Scholarship \$500 total prize and scholarship  North Texas Orthodontic Associates (Dr. John Wise) \$500 prize and scholarship.</p> <p>Kiwanis Dental Health will sponsor prize money for a graduating student and scholarship for a first year student.</p> <p>The following prizes will be awarded to graduating students:  Dr. Paul Taylor Award sponsored by N. Texas Pediatric Dentists (Dr. Tammy Gough)  Leadership Award sponsored by Dianna Prachyl and Glenna Johns)  Fones Excellence Award  Academic Excellence Award.</p> <p>Instrument fees and books are often a financial burden for students. The establishment of endowment funds is greatly appreciated.  Dr. Dean Jensen has contributed a \$500 scholarship for an incoming freshman.</p>
Community Involvement	Rotations into the community were discussed. The committee was asked to identify areas that may increase the students' experiences in "difficult" patients while meeting the needs of the community. The students have <i>clinical rotations</i> in the following locations: VA Hospital Bonham VA Hospital Dallas Dental Health Plano Kiwanis Dental Clinic (Dallas) Baylor Stomotology Clinic The students have <i>community</i> rotations in the following areas: 1. Anna Elementary School 2. Christi Elementary School 3. Finch Elementary School 4. Meadow Elementary School 5. Heritage Manor Nursing Home 6. Denton state School 7. Scottish Rite Hospital 8. Allen High School 9. Frisco High School 10. Light Care Center of Plano Nursing Home
Other	Dianna Prachyl discussed the need for dental hygienists in the State of Texas. The importance of dental hygiene expanded functions and increasing access to care was also discussed.  HB 2298 was discussed (the alternate training of dental hygienists). The Texas State Board of dentistry will implement this program no later than 1-1-02.
Adjournment: 8:45PM	

