

Minutes
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee
April 12, 2000

Present: Dr. Lynne Gerlach, Glenna Johns RDH, Dianna Prachyl RDH, Dr. John Wise, Dr. Rob Levy, Dr. Regina Powe, Dr. Dean Jensen, Dr. Nahid Nikpour, Dr. Dean Jensen, Joanne Fletcher and Dean Gary Hodge

Absent: Dr. Brad Dean, Dr. E. T. Boon, Dr. David McCarley, Dr. Tamela Gough Dr. Jeff Williams, Teppy Williams RDH, Dr. John Findley, Joan Stacy.

Recorder: Joanne C. Fletcher RDH MS

Topic	Discussion
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. Regina Powe, Plano Joanne Fletcher thanked the committee for their support.
Old Business Clinical Dentists	Dr. Bob Swepston Dr. Missy Jaynes (periodontist) Dr. Sam Nechamkin (periodontist 4 mornings) Dr. Alumbaugh (orthodontist – every other Friday AM) Dr. Willard Tompson (retired) Dr. Jason Miller Dr. Carl Stewart (4 mornings) Dr. Kevin Clark Dr. Alloju (fill in) Joanne Fletcher stressed the importance of early commitment to the various clinical sessions. Dentists are paid approximately \$200 per day.
New Business	
Full Time Faculty Search	We have been down a clinical coordinator this semester. A search is in progress for this full time position.
Class Update	The graduating students have taken their National Boards on April 4 th . They have all passed their jurisprudence examination. Their regional boards (Western Regional Exam)
WECM Curriculum	Changes in the curriculum were discussed and copies were distributed to the committee.

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. Gary Hodge will look into the possibility of a service learning project between CCCC Spanish students and dental hygiene faculty.</p>
Patient Case Development	<p>The dental hygiene program is in need of study models, and radiographs in order to develop patient case studies for educational purposes.</p> <p>Whenever possible, members of the committee will collect relevant materials to assist the development of the program.</p>
Committee Advise	<p>The committee was asked whether the program should invest in converting one unit to digital radiography.</p> <p>Lynne Gerlach discussed the Gendex unit that manufactures a digital unit (the cost is approximately \$30,000).</p> <p>Joanne Fletcher would like to utilize the school's existing technology (Seiman's units may be converted to digital) with Eaglesoft software and the VistaCam intraoral camera.</p>
Important Dates	<p>May 10th at 3:00PM Awards and Pinning Ceremony at the Plano Center</p> <p>Followed by 7:00PM Graduation Ceremony</p>
Student Scholarship and Awards	<p>Scholarship and endowment funds are being established for dental hygiene students.</p> <p>The following scholarships have been established :</p> <p>E. T. Boon Scholarship \$500 total prize and scholarship</p> <p>North Texas Orthodontic Associates (Dr. John Wise) \$500 prize and scholarship.</p> <p>The following prizes will be awarded to graduating students:</p> <p>Dr. Paul Taylor Award (Dianna Prachyl and Glenna Johns)</p> <p>Fones Excellence Award</p> <p>Academic Excellence Award (Dr. E.T. Boon)</p> <p>Academic Excellence Award (N. Texas Orthodontic Assoc.)</p> <p>Instrument fees and books are often a financial burden for students. The establishment of endowment funds is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Dr. Dean Jensen has contributed a \$500 scholarship for an incoming freshman.</p>
Community	<p>Rotations into the community were discussed. The committee was asked to identify areas that may increase the students' experiences in "difficult" patients as meeting the</p>

	<p>needs of the community.</p> <p>The students have <i>clinical rotations</i> in the following locations:</p> <p>Kiwanis Wesley Dental Clinic Dental Health Plano VA Bonham VA Dallas Stomatology Clinic Baylor</p> <p>We will look into reestablishing Children's Medical and Scottish Rite Hospitals. The possibility of a clinical affiliation with Denton State School was discussed; it was decided that this rotation is impractical for dental hygiene students.</p> <p>The students have <i>community</i> rotations in the following areas:</p> <p>Denton State School McKinney Independent School District Geriatric Centers Tobacco Cessation</p> <p>The committee will help the program in any manner possible.</p>
Other	<p>Dean Jensen and Lynne Gerlach stressed the importance of students becoming proficient in alginate impressions, and radiology skills. Also nitrous oxide certification was encouraged.</p> <p>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.</p>
Adjournment: 8:30PM	