

Skyline College
Respiratory Therapy Program Community College Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2011

In attendance: Ray Hernandez, Andrew Dominguez, Philip Lau, Jimmy Phung, Eric Chui, Brian Daniel, Chris Comstock, Monte Schachner, Rob Bautista, Ramona Burke, Amilcar Valle, Lynette Ritcherson, John Kelly, Paige Brown-Kelly, Kim Kennedy-Shaw
 Chair: Lee Guion

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review of minutes from last meeting Introductions and welcome	Minutes approved	Minutes of past meetings posted on Skyline website
Continuing business: Budget update (Ray)	Community colleges as a whole are losing money. SMCCD has a \$8 million loss. Fees will increase in Fall 2011 but money will be going back to individual colleges. Partial tax from San Mateo County is supporting Skyline. Building 4 is completed with a new wellness center	Ray will continue to update committee on budget issues
Enrollment (Ray)	The incoming class is full. 130 applicants met at least the minimum requirements for program admission. State-mandated open and fair access gives priority to students based on when they meet prerequisites (which now includes medical terminology). Notification of acceptance mailed June 1. 26 new students and 2 returning. Demographics: (gender) approx 50/50 male/female; (education) 11 have AA degrees, 8 have BS/BA; (work experience) 33% have healthcare experience; several have reapplied several times.	Ray will continue to inform committee of enrollment & attrition statistics and pass rates on licensure & NBRC exams with the goal of maintaining or improving quality classroom education and positive outcomes for all students.
Clinical rotations (Brian)	Second year students are having good experiences. First year students have started summer rotations with hands-on experience. There is good clinical affiliate support and sufficient sites for all students, but we are always looking to expand. SMCGH will included next Spring. Lucille Packer Children's Hospital may be an option for neonatal and pediatric rotations. Skyline's RT program has been approached about having students at several Bay Area hospitals Clinical simulations using students and hospital staff have been very successful. Disposable equipment "wish list" distributed to RT managers.	Brian will continue to report on student clinical experience and addition of new clinical sites with the goal of maintaining or improving the quality of clinical experiences for all students.

<p>Student reports (Rob/Andrew)</p>	<p>24 students are moving into their second year and the 19 graduating are completing internships now. Graduation is June 23. Fundraising drawing netted \$2500. Sputum bowl trials: 19 teams; 2 from Skyline. The last AARC-sponsored Sputum Bowl will be held in Tampa in November 2011 at the annual international congress. RT Club is collecting names of all RT Program alumni since 1972 (600+) in preparation for 40th Reunion. (Date: October 2012 during Respiratory Care Week?) Volunteers needed for planning committee</p>	<p>Continued Goals: Mentor first-year students; Make connections; reach out to alumni in hopes of increasing support of RT Program. Meeting of Reunion Planning committee (Paige, Brian, Chris, Rob, Andrew)</p>
<p>New Business (Ray) AARC “Project 2015” Initiative</p> <p>Staff changes</p> <p>Job Fair</p> <p>Annual CoARC survey</p>	<p>AARC “Project 2015” Initiative or 2015 and Beyond: to initiate discussion and ask the questions: Where is the respiratory care profession now and where do we want to go? Article from May 2011 Respiratory Care Journal distributed. Areas of focus: education; continuing education; career ladders; licensure and credentials. Recommendations of AARC initiative task force were not approved for a number of reasons including the creation of a 2-tiered education system (AA/BA) and obstacles to developing baccalaureate programs in many states (including CA).</p> <p>Pending Bill in California legislature to allow RTs to become independent practitioners requiring general supervision instead of direct supervision of a physician (and ability to bill CMS directly.) Importance of AARC involvement with medical reimbursement. A RT now sits on CPT board that establishes billing codes for medical procedures.</p> <p>Mike Williamson is the interim Vice President of Instruction at Skyline College. Ray has accepted the interim position of Dean of Math, Science, Technology and Health Sciences. An interim RT Program Director/Coordinator needs to be hired. Application extended through July 15th. A selection committee has been formed, the position has been publicized, and acceptable applicants will be granted interviews. Other Bay Area RT programs have faculty positions open as well. Qualities of ideal candidate discussed.</p> <p>Job Fair went well. Jobs outlook: Hospitals remain busy. Per diem positions are typical step to benefited staff positions. Some RT Managers foresee future growth in their departments and increased positions as retirement and age-related disabilities of current staff continue. Others are cautiously optimistic.</p> <p>Annual CoARC program resources survey distributed for Annual Report</p>	<p>Discussion may continue at future meetings.</p> <p>Update on status of this Bill.</p> <p>Members of selection committee will report on progress at next meeting. Plan A (new director), B (1-year filler position), or C (Ray wears 2 hats while adjunct faculty teach classes) will be implemented by our Fall 2011 meeting.</p> <p>Graduate surveys will be sent to managers via E-mail</p>

