# EMS Department Meeting

## Agenda

2/27/2014 12:00, 67-A Rm 133

### Members Attending:

- Tina Ziolkowski
- Kelly Sherwood
- Jeff Tsay
- David Mah
- Amanda Eckmeder (PT)
  
- Kevin Kilmurray (PT)
- Lisa Moden (PT)
- John Penido (PT)
- Keith Rasmussen (PT)
- Melanie Standon (PT)
- Dr. Nedra Vincent (PT)
- Steve Williams (PT)
- TC = Teleconference

## Topic | Updates/Discussion | Outcome/Action Needed/Action Taken
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1. Notes from Division Meeting | **Paramedic** – As above. With the “Report Card” approach to funding based upon completing students, we have gotten the directive to fit courses within semesters. | Research feasibility for this. On first glance, with the lengthening of paramedic didactic for student success, this looks disastrous.

**EMT** – as above. We have been asked to compress our current EMT Spring class into 16 weeks to fit THIS semester. | We were able to accomplish this by adding one day per week. Unfortunately, this required revamping all quizzes and most lesson plans for ONE course offering! Once new courses are offered, this becomes a moot point.

- State-wide issues – DC mtg. – Regional grants
- College-wide issues - College “growth” targeting the adding of classes to intersessions.
- Division-wide issues – Meeting with Sarah and Jemma probed the potential movement of classes into summer for this purpose.

2. Scheduling Issues | **Paramedic** - One student elected not to begin, citing financial and “other reasons.” He was a last-minute candidate to EMS 1, probably coaxed into the attempt by another student, continuing the trend of “last-minute droppers.”

Enrollment into EMS 1 remains strong and competition is high for slots. **The numbers trend towards needing the return of our third section of paramedic back!** | Continue to document statistics for those attending Orientation, enrolling into EMS 1 and vying for slots in the program.

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3. Enrollment Issues | Met with Kelly and discussed a plan for success for re-entry.

Need to source work experience program for remediation and/or those who only have interfacility experience. This is where merit-based acceptance would greatly help student

4. Student/Classroom Issues | **Paramedic** – G. B. field internship was terminated due to lack of recognition of patient acuity and poor attitude. | Continue to maintain records of the high demand for EMT. Also consider increasing wait list to maximum of 20.

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R.O. is stating that he feels he is not prepared to continue in the didactic.

Good News – Lisa reports that new skill lab instructional style is paying off in greater uniformity of skills such as I.V. starts, which have b****

EMT – Students continue to persist through the first week or two with textbooks. Many struggle with the cost of the course.

Tina spoke with him re: study habits and learning styles. Kelly stated that he was “disconnected” somewhat in EMS 2, appearing as though he was disinterested.

**EMS Update 2014** – Many changes to practice this year!
- Spinal immobilization based upon complaints and MOI but much more latitude, including placing cervical collar and having patient WALK to gurney!
- Glasgow Coma Scale score to be aligned with everyone else! 4-5-6
- Sepsis is a huge life threat and must be seen as dangerous as any other type of shock
- Tourniquet use – utilizing the Boston Marathon bombings – graphic!!

UCLA website to host update which, for the first time ever, will offer EMTs a way to get CEs!

6. **Budget Issues**
- Department (equipment, supplies, student support)
  Kelly and Tina finalizing purchasing lists. Tina’s initial online cart got accidentally dumped, so more wasted time doing work that support staff in other programs does.

  -Division – Division continues to monitor our staffing budget closely despite our needs to have latitude. While Fire Tech. gets an entire new paid position “exclusively for the Fire Academy” (NOT shared, as previously promised), we continue to maintain our own equipment with no support staff. Other CA programs do NOT have this issue!

  -College – Allegedly in “growth” mode. No growth or expansion allowed in EMS. No release from “At Risk” mode and no plans to re-evaluate as promised.

  -State -

7. **Course SLOs**

8. **Program SLOs**
   N/A

9. **4 Year Review of Curriculum**
   N/A

10. **Modified and New Curriculum**
    Barring any last-minute glitches, EMT 95 will be approved for Fall.
    EMT 90A/90 Advisory polling results submitted to Curr. Committee

    Monitor EDC committee announcements for agenda items; EMT 95 on Agenda for March 4th.

11. **Department Web Page**
    Re-vamped web page still needs faculty photos. Tina added textbooks added for EMT

12. **Reports from Committee Reps**
    -Faculty Association
    -Academic Senate
    -Others?
    N/A

13. **Department Announcements**
    Mentoring
    This will be for new staff of any type (FT/PT)

    Need to establish separate venue for Prof Experts; conference call format?
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<td><strong>“New Trend of the Month”</strong></td>
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| 14. | Input for Next Advisory Meeting Agenda |
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| **Equipment needs** |
| LifePak 15 |
| Tough Books |
| “Tool Tech” equivalent |
| Staff raises, EMT and Paramedic |

| 15. | Facilities Issues |
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| Cabinet and drawer locks in lab appear to be failing. These are drug and supply cabinets that are high-use. |
| EIWOS request sent and locksmith serviced ALL of the locks quickly! (roughly 24 hrs?) |

| 16. | Adjourned |
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| Adjourned 1405 |
| Meeting was Adjourned |
| Respectfully submitted, |
| Tina Ziolkowski |

**Issue Bin/Items for Future Agenda:**
Minutes from this meeting will be sent out within one week. Please respond to the accuracy of the minutes by 3-5-14

**Future Meeting Dates**
See schedule