



Histotechnology Advisory Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Biology Department Conference Room

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Members Attending:

X	MacDonald, Jennifer (Mt. SAC College, Chair)
X	Abel, Kay (Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center)
	Anderson, Cindy (Mt. SAC, Professor Microbiology)
	Cooper, Brian (Children's Hospital, LA)
X	Figueroa, Lydia (Sakura Finetek, USA, Inc.)
	Gadberry, Susi (UCI Medical Center)
x	Hoover, Karelyn (Mt. San Antonio College, Associate Dean, NS)

	Jara de Araya, Ana (Mt. SAC, Laboratory Technician)
	Judd, Matthew (Mt. San Antonio College, Dean NS)
	Lee, Donna (Mt. SAC, Laboratory Technician)
	Lopez, Ricardo (Advanced Skincare Histology)
X	Neder-Eckman, Patricia (City of Hope National Medical Center)
X	Pascoe, Virginia (Mt. SAC, Professor A&P)
	Presch, Melissa (Mt. SAC, Professor A&P)

x	Rexach, Carmen (Mt. SAC, Professor A&P, Micro)
x	Sapourifar-Tehrani, Saeedeh (UCLA Medical Center)
X	Velarde-Jang, Naomi (Mt. SAC, Laboratory Technician)
X	Young, Lillian (USC Keck)
x	Zaragoza, Renee (VA Medical Center, Long Beach)
	Muirhead, David (City of Hope National Medical Center)

Topic		Updates/Discussion	Outcome
1.	Welcome and Introductions		
2.	Purpose of Advisory Committee	<p>The purpose of the advisory committee is to help ensure that Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs reflect the needs and current conditions of the workplace. The committee also provides information to help assess if graduates are capable of performing the occupations for which they have been trained.</p> <p>We depend on our advisors to help us stay current, and to assess curriculum for effective changes particularly for our lab sciences. Our industry advisors evaluate our equipment needs and inform us of changes in the histotechnology industry, keeping our HT Program up to date. The Advisory Committee is required for the college and for NAACLS. We meet 2 x's per year even though only 1 meeting is required.</p>	
3.	Class Enrollment Spring 2014	<p>HT 12 – 22 (started with 24) HT 16 – 20 (started with 21)</p> <p>Jennifer wants to revisit preparations for HT 12 to ensure that she is giving students every opportunity to adequately prepare for their HT courses.</p>	This will be discussed at a different meeting.
4.	HT (ASCP) Exam Results	<p>2013 16/17 passed on first attempt Unsuccessful student passed on second attempt</p> <p>Our HT Program graduates have achieved a 94% pass rate for 2013, well above national average of 66.8%. Jennifer wants to address these scores. The pass rates are higher than it use to be when there were 3 routes to do the ASCP exam including HS graduation and 2 years working in the field. Pass rate at that time was ~30%.</p> <p>The mean score on the ASCP exam for our graduates was 540, where as the average for first time attempts was 475, the national average (all attempts) was 455. 808 was the highest score in the nation, one of our students was close to 800.</p> <p>There are still NAACLS accredited programs that offer certificates without an associate degree. This is an avenue where HS grads can take the HT certificate Program then sit for the ASCP exam. Many that pursue this route do not pass.</p> <p>NAACLS has taken a formal position that students</p>	<p>Please go to NAACLS to support requirement of associate degree by public comment, Board meeting is September 18-19, 2014.</p> <p>Public comment is for 30 days. Jennifer will send everyone the link. We want to send many comments.</p>

		<p>must have an associate degree to enter HT certificate programs. Any changes must be reviewed by public comment.</p> <p>Those HT programs that do not offer associate degree will have time to align with the college.</p> <p>ASCP members were surprised, but did not lend written support.</p>	
5.	NAACLS update	<p>NAACLS BOD update AS degree requirement Changing the level of education requirement.</p> <p>Minnesota is looking at licensure for histotechs. This will require a minimum of an associate degree.</p> <p>NAACLS will be doing a disservice to offer HT certificate programs because these graduates will not be able to get their license. HT, HTL must think of themselves as scientists that can critically think, this is where education becomes very important.</p> <p>Changing the name "Histotech" to "laboratory scientist" or something similar.</p> <p>Pathologists are starting to require a higher caliber HT, HTL. The Drs. Want to be able to converse with the technical staff.</p> <p>In EU licensure required to work, 4 year degree.</p> <p>ASCP has to be pushed by their clientell, pathologists kept standards lower because of low pay</p>	
6.	Perkins Funded proposals	<p>Professional development CSH, NSH CLEC conference funds are requested.</p> <p>Federal funding for career and tech ed programs. Looking at making sure that CTE programs stay up to date with technology and industry. Funds are available every year. Proposals are peer reviewed, then evaluated by college deans. The program advisory committee must approve the requests.</p> <p>Funding for 2 student tutors in the Beginning Histotechniques Lab.</p> <p>Suggestions for equipment funds to request</p>	<p>Unanimous approval for conference/Professional Development funds</p> <p>Unanimous approval for 2 student tutors for Beginning Histotechniques Lab.</p> <p>(Can develop an HT 99 and give the advanced HT students a special project, including tutoring. The advisory committee unanimously approved.)</p> <p>Suggestions for equipment: Bio imaging. Digital pathology (whole slide scanner) could benefit all anatomy classes because students could access slides at home.</p>
7.	Update of Perkins funding	Slide printer was finally purchased and put to use this semester.	
8.	Additional clinical sites	<p>Always needed.</p> <p>We have a new wave of students needing placement, let Jennifer know if you know of new clinical sites or if you can take an extra student.</p>	
9.	H1B Grant Funds	<p>Still available Previous to employment, the candidate must have been collecting unemployment benefits for at least 27 weeks or have been unable to reconnect to a job with similar pay or working part-time but need full-time employment at time of hire.</p> <p>Will reimburse the candidate for attire, etc. (see flyer), and reimburse the employer for 50% of hourly wage up to \$4000 per each eligible Healthcare new hire.</p>	
10.	Other	House of delegates representatives are still needed. Please consider serving in one of these positions if you are in good standing with the CSH and NSH.	

		<p>LA/San Bernardino chapter has been dormant. Lydia Figueroa is now president. She is energized with the knowledge that Mt. SAC students are involved. This CSH Chapter will have a meeting approximately every 2 months with a speaker. Past workshops have been very successful. There will be a meeting mid October on a Saturday at Sakura. During the Summer the CSH Chapter will work to fill vacancies in chapter positions. The December meeting will involve a speaker and have a holiday theme.</p> <p>City of hope may be a workshop location for this local chapter of CSH.</p>	
11.	Announcements	<p>NSH Summer Symposium – Baltimore, MD Jun 13-14</p> <p>NSH Annual Symposium – Austin, TX Aug 22-27</p> <p>CSH Symposium – Scotts Valley, CA May 1-3, 2015</p> <p>About 35 miles from San Jose, at the Hilton, Scotts Valley. Always looking for new innovative workshops.</p>	
12.	Fall Advisory Meeting	Nov. 18 or 25 or Dec. 2 or 9? Mt. SAC or host site?	City of Hope will host. Dec. 2 nd , 2014: 6:30-8:30pm
13.	Adjourned	7:30pm	
Issue Bin/Future Agenda:			