

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 7, 2025

9:05am – 10:18am

Classroom 55342

Attendees: Allison Cahoon, Brittany Nichols, Dr. Charles Schumacher, Dr. Crystal Blake, Dr. Gene Hilton, Erin Elledge, Frances Bravo, Dr. Julius Manz, Dr. Kelley Ryals, Keyshawn Yazzie, Linda Parks, Ruby Woodard, and Yvette Tafoya

- I. Introductions
 - Dr. Manz welcomed everyone.
- II. Advisory Committee
 - Each member received a copy of the new *Advisory Committee Member Handbook*.
 - Each member was added to the Advisory Committees – Health Sciences group on Microsoft Teams.
 - Erin will be moving. The committee will be looking for a new member.
- III. Accreditation Site Visit
 - The Accreditation Site Visit is scheduled for April 16-17, 2025. Each member received a copy of the schedule.
 - The Advisory Committee Lunch will be on April 16th at 12pm in Classroom 55342. If the location changes, members will be notified.
- IV. Upcoming
 - The Pinning Ceremony is Friday, May 16th at 6pm in the Zia.
 - Graduation is Saturday, May 17th at 9am in the Graduation Plaza.
- V. Program Highlights
 - Class of 2025
 - Has 10 students out of 12.
 - All students passed their Written and Clinical LA Boards.
 - Students are scheduled to take their Clinical Boards on April 11th.
 - Students are scheduled to take their NBDHE in April and May.
 - Frances shared her experiences with the program.
 - Class of 2026
 - Has 12 students out of 12.
 - The summer semester is May 27th to July 3rd.
 - Keyshawn shared his experiences with the program. He asked about a bachelor degree in Dental Hygiene. Dr. Manz and Brittany explained that 4-year colleges offer bachelor degrees, 2-year colleges do not. Students can continue their education taking classes here at San Juan College through UNM and receive a BA in Dental Hygiene.
 - Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) Activities
 - Students participated in GKAS. There were 47 patients seen and \$15,846 produced, not including specialty cases donated.
 - SADHA will host a Continuing Education Fundraiser Series on March 29th and April 25th-26th. Flyers will be sent out soon.

- Students donated items to the Aztec and Farmington Animal Shelters for a Holiday Pet Food Drive.
- Class of 2027
 - The Dental Hygiene Program Application deadline is Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:00pm.

VI. Future

- Program Revisions for 2026-2027
 - The Dental Hygiene curriculum will transition to common course numbering. Except for clinic courses, which will retain unique course numbers per institution.
 - Board Review might be removed in the future. Students tend to sign up for national board reviews online.
 - The issue of Adjunct pay was discussed. The program is having a hard time finding Adjuncts to teach didactic courses at the pay offered. Dr. Manz asked the Advisory Council for thought on ways to promote dental professionals to want to come and teach at the reduced pay rate.
 - The concept was brought forward about trying to hire one additional full-time faculty member rather than numerous adjuncts. College Administration informed the Program that we would need to increase class size to support an additional full time faculty member.
- Increase Cohort Size
 - Shortages for hygienists are statewide. To meet the demands, the Program could increase the cohort size from 12 to 20 and hire one full-time faculty. The Program would also need more dentists. Dr. Ryals, Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Hilton, and Erin shared their thoughts. Each member received copies of the *ADEA Proposed Legislation to Allow Oral Preventive Assistants to Practice and Select Legislation Impacting Dental Hygiene Licensure*.
 - Dr. Ryals shared input from CDEL regarding the impending shortage off both hygienists and assistants across the country and the resultant legislative solutions being forwarded such as assistants and foreign trained dentists being given hygiene licenses.
- Discussed ways to incentivize Dentists and Hygienists to teach.
 - There is a need for dentists and hygienists at community events, like GKAS. Would the board consider changing CE requirements to include service related hours, to help encourage people to teach/educate/GKAS/MOM?
 - Could the board consider a special license for retired hygienists and dentists who want to teach but don't want to pay the full license fees? Will bring to the Board for consideration.
- Applicants and Job Placement
 - The applicant pool is good. The dorms are a nice addition to campus and help attract students that live out of town.
 - Job opportunities are good.

VII. Conclusion

- The members were thanked for attending today's meeting. We appreciate their time, input, guidance, and support of our Program.

Submitted By: Ruby Woodard