



**Surgical Technology Program
Advisory Committee
March 11, 2015**

Present:

Lorne Rosenfield, MD, Medical Director	Darline Kafka, Student ST
Alice Booker, Student ST	Robert Alire, Student ST
Karen Devlin, CST, Graduate	Mary McKay, CST, STIII, Seton MC
Ijaz Ahmed, MD, RCP, Dir. Allied Health Programs	
Dolly Chan, RN, Charge Nurse, Seton MC	Alice Erskine, RN, CST, Program Dir.
Mark Dorsey, CST, former Program Director, Las Positas	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm. Alice introduced all and explained the purpose of the committee.

Program Update

Of the 31 students admitted to the Class of 2015, 27 remain. There is increasing difficulty in obtaining clinical sites for the students. At the time of this meeting, six students still have not been placed. These students continue to attend SURG 442: Surgical Specialties while Alice and Mike Wasilewski, the Clinical assistant look for new sites.

In September, the Program underwent its reaccreditation evaluation. During the site visit from the Accreditors, several items were identified in need of correction. 1) the program has accepted more students than it is accredited for (25), 2) credentials of Mr. Mike Wasilewski were not in order, 3) there are insufficient number of faculty for the labs, and 4) Ms. Erskine is covering the duties of more than two of the staff roles required by the Accreditation Review Committee.

The following actions have been taken in response to these findings: A) The position of a Clinical Coordinator was created to specifically address the need for a designated Clinical Instructor and a person to obtain clinical sites and clearances for the students. The position requires a minimum of an Associate's Degree and Certification. This will also relieve Ms. Erskine of some of the duties she performs. B) Another position that of an Instructional Aide was created. This person only needs to be a Certified Surgical Technologist. The Aide would assist in the labs so that the ratio will be 1 instructor for every 10 students as is required by the accreditation. C) At this year's application deadline, April 1, only 21 students will be accepted. This will allow the program to accept any students from the current cohort who wish to return this fall to complete their training. Several current students have expressed an interest in doing so. This would bring the total class enrollment to no more than 25.

Community Issues

Ms. McKay and Ms. Chan both reported on the changes happening at Seton Medical Center. The hospital is for sale and there is concern it might close. The O.R. is unable to accept students until this uncertainty is resolved. Both welcome Skyline students, but are frustrated by the situation.

Mr. Dorsey announced that Las Positas will no longer offer a surgical technology program. He was unable to continue with the program for professional reasons and is currently working for Alta Bates Summit as a cardiovascular surgical technologist. He acknowledged that Las Positas had difficulties finding qualified instructors. He expressed concerns that Skyline would also be challenged to fill the new Clinical Coordinator position. He recommended Ms. Erskine attend the conference of the Association of Surgical Technologists in May and advertise the position.

Student Issues

Per Ms. Kafka and Mr. Alire, the main concern the students have is for placements due to the large number of students admitted to the program this year. They also found that it was difficult for Mr. Wasilewski to provide adequate attention to so many students in the lab. They were glad to hear an Instructional Aide would be added to the staff.

Respectfully submitted by

Alice Erskine, CST, RN