

Advisory Committee Spring 2023 Meeting
Surgical Technology Program
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:30PM
Vernon College, Century City Center, Room 115

Members present:

Brianna Macias – Kell West Hospital
Alvita Foster – United Regional Healthcare
Dr. Jedidiah Grisel – Head and Neck Associates
Chad Heron – United Regional Healthcare
Shane Smith – Higginbotham & Associates
Marci Gilbert – United Regional Healthcare
Sadie Walls – Vernon College Student
Bonnie Beavers - Kell West Hospital
Kya Bergin – United Regional Healthcare
Heather Cobb – Momentum Specialty Surgery Center

Vernon College Faculty/Staff:

Delayne Crow
Bettye Hutchins
Zachary Nguyen-Moore
Karen McClure
Greg Chesterman

Members not present:

Jordain Bass - Kell West Hospital
Peyton Reike – United Regional Healthcare

Delayne Crow welcomed the committee to the Surgical Technology Spring Advisory Meeting and began the introductions.

Old Business/Continuing BusinessChad Heron

Chad Heron initiated the meeting asking the faculty, Delayne Crow, to review the Program Effectiveness plan. Delayne reviewed the document with the committee.

❖ Program Effectiveness Plan (PEP)

Delayne explained the only changes to the PEP are adding Momentum Specialty Surgical Services as a clinical site and updating the program outcomes. Delayne informed the committee the core curriculum change has been postponed to August 1, 2024.

Chad Heron asked the committee if there were any further discussion or recommendations. Hearing none the meeting moved forward.

New BusinessChad Heron

Chad Heron asked Delayne Crow to review the handbook changes.

❖ **Approve Program Handbook**

Delayne Crow reviewed the minor changes in the handbook reflecting the added technology fee. The committee reviewed the handbook, Dr. Jedidiah Grisel asked if this was the total cost for the students and noticed the lesser cost for Vernon, TX students. Bettye Hutchins explained that those students live within the tax base. Bonnie Beavers made the motion to approve the handbook as presented, Dr. Grisel seconded, the motion passed.

Chad Heron asked the committee for further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

❖ **External learning experiences, employment, and placement opportunities**

Delayne reviewed the clinical site locations with the committee. The committee discussed local employment. United Regional has four (4) opening in Surgery. Kell West will take as many applicants/graduates as possible. Momentum has two (2) fulltime positions and one (1) PRN. Employers present want the students to start applying in the middle of May to begin their interview process.

No further discussion, Chad Heron moved forward.

Chad Heron asked faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review his professional development.

❖ **Professional development of faculty and recommendations**

Delayne reviewed his professional development, he attended the AST Educators Conference in February 2023 for educator specific continuing education required by program accreditation. He will be attending the AST National Conference in May 2023 for CST specific continuing education. College professional development opportunities are also available throughout the academic year and attended when class/clinical schedule permits.

Chad Heron asked the committee for further discussion or recommendations for Professional Development. Hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Chad Heron asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee.

❖ **Promotion and publicity (recruiting) about the program to the community and to business and industry**

Delayne reviewed promotion and publicity about the program. He discussed the current methods used as listed below. Marci Gilbert stated that United Regional has been hosting several CNA programs from the area high schools and she is giving the students information on the CST and RN tracks for Vernon College. Delayne also mentioned that May 1st the program would be taking applications for the class starting in August.

- Perkins Recruiting Video
- High School Tours – 250 students
- Facebook – Student Testimonial Video
- New Web Site – Ease of use
- Tracy Catlin – High schools and non- traditional promotion

Chad Heron asked the committee if there were any further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Chad Heron asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee.

❖ **Program Specific Accreditation Information and Requirements**

Delayne Crow was happy to report there are no changes scheduled for program specific accreditation for 2023-2024 school year. Hearing no further discussion, Chad moved the meeting forward.

Chad Heron asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee.

Delayne reviewed the graduate and employer surveys with the committee members.

2021/2022 Graduate and Employer Surveys

Graduate Survey Data:

ARC/STSA Threshold: 85% satisfaction with a 50% return rate

Academic Year	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Return Rate	92%	93%	100%	84%	91%	100%
Satisfaction	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

2021/2022 Class— 11 surveys sent with 11 returned

Employer Survey Data:

ARC/STSA Threshold: 80% satisfaction with a 50% return rate

Academic Year	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Return Rate	69%	92%	90%	60%	70%	80%
Satisfaction	100%	100%	100%	83%	100%	100%

2021/2022 Class— 10 surveys sent with 8 returned

The committee was pleased with the returned responses the program received. Chad Heron asked for a motion to continue current graduate and employer survey timeline and review process. Bonnie Beavers made the motion and Heather Cobb 2nd. The motions passed unanimously.

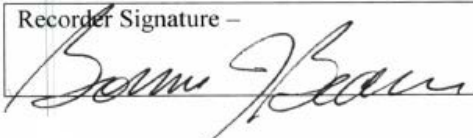
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❖ **Surgical Technology Student Association Activities**

Delayne discussed the STSA activities during the spring semester for fundraising to attend the Texas State Assembly Conference. Several of the committee members asked why the students did not engage in all the fundraising activities the program normally participates. Delayne explained all the fundraising was for the student’s ability to pay to attend the AST National Conference. Delayne gave the students the choice, at the beginning of the program, to go to the National Conference and doing all of the fundraising or not doing as much fundraising. Sadie Wells, (student representative) reported the class voted to only sell Salsa. With the sales from the Salsa the students were able to attend the Texas conference and donate \$200.00 to Phased-In (a local charity for foster kids that age out of the system).

❖ **Adjourn**

No further discussions or recommendations were made, Chad Heron Adjourned the meeting at 5:11PM

Recorder Signature – 	Date 5/20/2023	Next Meeting: Fall 2023
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