

**DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 4-4/2023
FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE**

In attendance:

Ms. Crystal Riggs, RDH
Ms. Joan Porter, RDH
Ms. Karen Molumby, RDH
Ms. Deanna Day, RDH
Ms. Mariela Chavez, RDH
Ms. Natalie Schmidt, RDH
Ms. Stacy Dennis, RDH
Ms. Jessica Shivers, RDH
Ms. Johanna Najera, RDH
Kristina Sinhold, Class of 2023
Alexia Valdivia, Class of 2024
Dr. Carol Stevens
Dr. Magdaline Britto
Dr. Suni Koshy
Ms. Dejnane Fevrier, RDH
Ms. Jami Ware, RDH
Ms. Yessenia Iglesias

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Karen Molumby.

Meeting Minutes:

1. A motion to approve the Spring 2022 minutes was called by Johanna Najera and a second motion was made by Crystal Riggs.

New Members:

1. Introduction of new Advisory Board Members include Crystal Riggs and Johanna Najera. Faculty additions were Deanna Day and Jaslyn Morgani.

Committee Agenda Topics

A. Class of 2023 and Class of 2024 Update:

Kristina Sinhold from the Class of 2023 reports the students have taken and passed their NBDHE. She states that her class talk frequently about the next steps in their lives and the many opportunities available to them as they begin to interview for employment.

Alexia Valdivia, described how her Class is enjoying the first semester working with patients and applying the concepts taught in the classroom setting. She expressed that they experienced some challenges with the hurricane but they have overcome those challenges.

- B. Accreditation Results: The program completed a progress report that was submitted in May 2022 and was approved by the CODA Committee. The program was officially approved for full compliance until the next site visit in February 2029.

C. Renovation of the Dental Hygiene Clinic:

The Dental Clinic is scheduled to begin the construction project to revamp the vacuum and suction system. The current system was installed with PVC piping that has cracks in the pipes that prevents full utilization of the suction system and the ability to use compressed air.

The exterior portion of the project will require the construction crew to dig trenches to install the new copper piping to the attached the vacuum/suction system to each dental unit. The interior project will begin in mid-June to enter the building and to remove the flooring to access all dental units.

The dental clinic will be closed from June 9, 2023 through August 21, 2023. The project cost is \$600,000. The College has committed to this expense. The suction system issues have impacted the ability to use the prophyljet, dry teeth for sealants and to effectively evacuate the saliva.

The dental hygiene instructors have worked tirelessly over the past 18-months to ensure the equipment could function as best as possible until the renovation project could begin. Kudos the Dental Hygiene Faculty.

D. New Dental Chairs:

The dental chairs are being replaced through the Perkins Fund. All new chairs arrived on campus March 28, 2023. The old chairs will be removed by June 2023 and installation of the new equipment should by August 21, 2023.

- E. Program Alteration Changes: Due to the renovation project and the installation of new dental chairs, the summer courses were moved up three weeks earlier as well as the program faculty, staff and students will complete the summer semester in 7-weeks. This will equate to be 48-hours work weeks.

F. Hurricane Ian:

Hurricane Ian presented several obstacles for the program. All clinic operations ceased for patient care services until January 2023. The sophomore students resumed clinical hours from the fall on January 3, 2023. For the Class of 2024, the schedule was revamped to accommodate for the 5-week lapsed in pre-clinic instruction. Pre-Clinic resumed in November which required the students to apply clinical applications twice a week to catch up on material that was delayed due to the hurricane. This group handled this challenge well.

Due to the hurricane, the College offered any student enrolled in courses at the college the opportunity to select the H22 option. This option permitted students to step away from attending their classes for fall and could elect to resume these same courses in spring of 2023 and/or summer of 2023 for NO additional fee.

This option was accepted by two of the four students we lost related to the events involving the hurricane. These two students will restart their dental hygiene careers in Fall of 2023.

G. Class of 2025:

The Class of 2025 acceptance letters were sent out this past Monday. The program will have 20-students, 18-new students and the two students who elected the H22 option. The Cohort group that will be entering the fall semester will mark the 30th Class enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program at Florida SouthWestern State College.

H. Other Business:

Dejnane asked a question pertaining to the program expansion request letters and the status. The program received 35 letters for support of our expansion. The college administrators are supportive but want to past the renovation project before proceeding.

Jessica Shivers asked if the curriculum provides current instruction on implants for overdentures and fixed appliances. A discussion about the implants and care of these appliance continued with the Periodontist on the committee and other members about this subject.

As a final topic covered in the meeting were encouragement messages provided by former graduates to the current students on how they are well prepared for private practice and the profession.

The meeting was adjourned by 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 4/4/2023 Karen Molumby