

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology

November 3, 2015

6:00 – 7:00P.M.

Bioscience Technology Complex

ITEM 1. Introductions

Discussion: *Welcome and Introductions and call to order.*

Action: No action required.

ITEM 2 Class of 2016, 2017

Discussion: *Class of 2016 consist of 11 students and the class of 2017 has 13 students*

Action: No action required

ITEM 3 Practicum Sites

Discussion: We discussed the usefulness of the externship sites. Dr. McKay said she thinks the externship sites are a real strength of the program because it allows the students to put theory into practice. The experience from the practicums has allowed the students to gain valuable experience. The requirements to be hired at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (BPEI) are very strict. Due to the experience gained from the practicums, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute currently employs seven of our graduates. Dr. Kershner stated that by putting the students at 3 different rotations, it allows the students to gain valuable experience and gives them unique opportunities once they graduate. Ryan believes the most valuable part of the program is the practicums and wished the curriculum included more externship hours. Kerri believes the practicums helped her to get hired at BPEI because she had to pass a practical exam. Mark stated that we currently have over 30 externship sites for our students. There have been many requests for more students at most of the sites.

Action: No action required.

ITEM 4 Spring 2016 Meeting Date

Action: TBA in 2016

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Attendance: Dr. Robert Kershner, Dr. Martha McKay, Ryan Stanfield, Kerri Bryant, Mark McKay

Submitted by: _____

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