

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology

October 20, 2016

6:00 – 7 p.m. p.m.

Bioscience Technology Complex

ITEM 1. Introductions

Discussion: *Welcome and Introductions.*

Action: No action required.

ITEM 2 Tour

Discussion: We toured the facilities of the OMT program

Action: No action required.

ITEM 3 Roles

Discussion: Review of the role of the Business Partnership Council

- Alert the College/District of changes and trends in the economic climate of the county
- Review/recommend facility/equipment requirements
- Review curriculum
- Serve as Program Advocates

Action: No action required.

ITEM 4 Recruitment

Discussion: Mark McKay suggested that we place the “takeaways” that he received at all local ophthalmic offices.

Dr. Skolnick suggest we place “takeaways” at Jupiter High School and other local universities.

Action: Mark McKay should place the “takeaways” at local doctors’ offices and the facilities that Dr. Skolnick suggested.

ITEM 5 Practicums

Discussion: Dr. Skolnick recommended greater use of general ophthalmology for practicum sites instead of using specialists. The first two semesters the students would be with general ophthalmologists and the last semester they would do mini-rotations through ophthalmology practices that specialize in one area of the eye. Ryan Stanfield stated being in a specialty practice before his last semester was a benefit for him because he has continued to pursue retina as a specialty. He admitted that because of his specialty rotation, he did not have as strong refraction skills as he would like. Both refraction and retinoscopy are skills he could improve upon and continues to pursue. Mark McKay stated that he did try specialty mini-rotations a few years ago but feedback from the practices was that the students did not have enough time to hone the skills they learned in the practices. Mark Marciano stated that his practice was more of a general practice but that he believed it would be valuable for students to improve their skill in fitting traditional contact lenses and specialty contact lenses. Mark and Craig briefly discussed the use of prisms in practice and both agreed it was an extremely hard skill to perfect. Mark was asked if our students take the National Contact Lens Examination. Mark McKay stated it was not a

requirement of the program but he knew of at least one student who took it and passed. Mark Marciano suggested that the students do 4-week observations at different specialty practices.

Action: Dr. Kershner and Professor McKay will discuss the possibility of pursuing this action spring semester.

ITEM 6 Clinical sites

Discussion: Susan inquired if the college planned on pursuing on-site clinics. Mark said that he understood it has been mentioned to the administration but, because of space limitations, he did not believe it was being pursued at this time. She suggested that we pursue more ultrasound scans and electroretinography (ERG).

Action: No action required

ITEM 7 General

Discussion: Kathy stated that all the students observe their doctors when performing surgery. Chelsea suggested that we add coding to our curriculum so students understand billing. Martha stated we do teach the basics in coding in Vision Care II. Chelsea stated at her practice she has created a printout for our students. Ryan agreed to be chair and Anabel as vice chair of this committee.

ITEM 8. Spring 2017 Meeting Date

Action: TBA in 2017

OTHER

Attendance: Dr. Robert Kershner, Dr. Craig Skolnick, Dr. Holly Bennett, Dr. Martha McKay, Dr. Mark Macriano, Sue Elcock, Chelsea Johnson, Anabel Salvador, Ryan Stanfield, Greg Alessi, Kathy Seale, Mark McKay

Submitted by: _____
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