

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology

April 13, 2016

6:00 – 7 p.m. p.m.

Bioscience Technology Complex

Call to Order

Introduction and Welcome Mark McKay L.D.O.

Old Business: None

New Business:

ITEM 1. Introductions

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

Action: No action required.

ITEM 2 Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO)

Discussion: Dr. Kershner stated that Professor McKay and three students went to the JCAHPO event in Nevada. Dr. Kershner taught three courses and the students attended classes during the day. Mark and Dr. Kershner went to the COTP meeting. Dr. Kershner suggested that all students graduating from an accredited program should be awarded certificate's at the level the program is accredited. Although he could not get a majority to agree he said he will try again in the future. Dr. McKay agreed that after the students went through such a rigorous program that testing them for the certificate was redundant. Kerri and Ryan agreed that is seemed unnecessary.

Action: No action required

ITEM 3 Curriculum

Discussion: Mark McKay suggested that we review the curriculum to see if it meets the needs of our students and the community. Kerri said that the curriculum more than meet prepared her for a career in the ophthalmic community. Ryan felt that the curriculum was very demanding but prepared to a superior eyecare professional. We reviewed all 5 semester of the program. Everyone agreed it was a good idea to have moved Refractometry and Refractometry Lab from the fall semester to the spring semester. Mark put for the idea of perhaps in the first semester of putting the students in externship sites 10 – 20 hours a week. Dr. Kershner did not agree with the idea because many of our students need to work. It was agreed by all to leave the curriculum as it stands currently.

Action: No action required.

ITEM 4 Fall 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: _____