

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
Respiratory Care Program
Business Partnership Council Minutes
November 7, 2014

ITEM #1 Review and Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Minutes from July 3, 2014 meeting were read

Action: Minutes from July 3, 2014 were read and approved.

ITEM #2 New and Returning Student Update

Discussion: Nancy stated that there are 20 current first year students (24 started and 4 withdrew) and 20 second year students. Two of the first year students are returning students. Nancy explained our midterm discussion process with students to allow them a chance to withdraw instead of impacting their GPA.

Action: None required

ITEM #3 Graduate Follow Up

Discussion: Of the recently graduated class of 2014, all 15 students passed the CRT exam with one student who has not taken either CRT or RRT exam due to financial reasons. Twelve of the 15 are RRT's with 2 not completing the clinical Sim portion. Most of the students have been hired and the participating Directors, Lisa, Steve, Gary and Richard either stating they have hired or would hire these students and to encourage students who are applying to mention that they are Palm Beach State graduates. Steve announced per diem night shift positions, Lisa announced both day and night per diem positions and a manager position and Gary announced a full time NICU day shift position for a therapist with experience.

Action: Nancy to forward openings to recently graduated/credentialed students.

ITEM #4 Student Travel to 2014 AARC International Congress

Discussion: Julie Trowbridge, the current Respiratory Care Club President, gave a summary of her presentation to the InterClub Council, where she was able to obtain \$4000 funding for students to travel to the International Congress in Las Vegas, NV Dec. 9-12, 2014. There are 15 second year students who will be attending the conference.

Action: No action required

ITEM # 5 Program Curriculum/Changes to Board Exam

Discussion: Nancy explained the new NBRC test matrix that will begin in Jan. The test will consist of 140 questions, plus 20 extra questions that will be graded via two thresholds. Students passing the minimum threshold will be CRT credentialed and students passing the next threshold will be RRT eligible and will be able to take the Clinical SIM portion. The clinicals SIMs are 20 mini cases with 2 extra cases. Students will also be encouraged to attend Kettering Reviews.

Action: No action required

ITEM #6 Preceptor Training-Evaluation of Students Update

Discussion: Stephanie described the Preceptor Training II class and encouraged Directors to promote attendance when offered again in Feb. Lisa mentioned that we may want to change the name of future Preceptor training programs to differentiate them from prior CEU offerings. The Directors were asked and thanked for doing the affective evaluations on second year students. First year evaluations will be coming soon.

Action: Stephanie will name future Preceptor Training Programs something different in the future.

ITEM #7 Employer Evaluations

Discussion: Directors will be asked in early January for feedback on recently hired graduated students and asked to complete a survey thru CoArc.

Action: Stephanie and Nancy to ask for these to be completed in Jan.

ITEM #8 Grant Funds

Discussion: Dean Willey described the funding process and the items that will be procured with this funding. The items included 2 mannequin intubation airway trainers, a Glidescope, pulse oximeter, textbooks to place on reserve in library and assistance for financially needy student to complete Board exams. Dean Willey explained the importance of funding proving good outcomes for the program and students.

Action: None required

Item #9 Other

Discussion: Digital vs. Hardcopy books were discussed with advantages/disadvantages of each. Blackboard components being added to the curriculum and advantages to the students were explained. Lisa mentioned that Lakeside had achieved the top 10% of Pulmonary Departments award.

Action: Nancy will investigate the possibility of digital textbooks.

Item #10 Next Meeting Date and Location

Discussion: TBA

Action: TBA

Attendees:

Dr. Nancy Latimer
Dean Willey
Lisa Andrews
Julie Trowbridge
Andrew Cuddihy
Steve Toryak
Dr. Ashkin
Richard Young
Gary Souza
Stephanie Parlamento