

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology

March 27, 2019

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bioscience Technology Complex

Call to Order

Introduction and Welcome Mark McKay L.D.O.

Old Business: None

New Business:

ITEM #1 *Review of Minutes from Last Meeting*

Discussion: No Corrections, Minutes Approved

Action: None

ITEM #2 *New Center and Location for the OMT program*

Discussion: The Early Childcare Center across the street from PBSC's PGA campus is now a part of Project 2020. Project 2020 is an expansion of the OMT program and is forecast to completed in 2020.

Dr. Kershner and Professor McKay met with Dr. Coleman to discuss the project and she assured us they are moving forward on this project.

The Early Childhood Learning Center on RCA Blvd. is to become the Center for Innovation in Health Sciences. This will be the new home of the Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program. The OMT program is in need of more space. This move will triple the square footage of the department. The additional space will be for classrooms and lab space. This will lead to more students in the program, more equipment and additional faculty. This move facilitates the process of expanding from an A.S. program into a B.S. program. This will be a permanent Center of Excellence for the college.

Action: None

ITEM #3 *Grand Rounds*

The OMT program is hosting its Seventh Annual Grand Rounds event on Thursday April 25, 2019, at 5:00 pm. All students from the graduating class will present their cases. Last year, local ophthalmologists, former students and community members attended for a total of approximately seventy-five.

Action: None

ITEM #4 *Curriculum Changes*

The GPA for the program has been changed from a 2.6 to 2.8 to support the overall success of the students in the program. This took place on January 24, 2019.

The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program (OMT) received approval for the following four curriculum committee submissions by the OMT Business Partnership Council on November 30, 2018 and the Health Sciences Cluster on December 17, 2018. These proposed course changes are based upon student outcomes, as measured by national certification examinations, recommendations by the ICA accreditation board site reviewers, and recent changes in the accreditation standards which necessitate revision of several courses in the program.

1) Approved a new course OPT2331-Clinical Data Review

2) Approve deleting existing course OPT1150 Ophthalmic Lenses, and replacing with two courses, OPT1155 Ophthalmic Lenses I and OPT1156 Ophthalmic Lenses II.

3) Approve course revision prerequisite change for OPT2942 Ophthalmic Practicum III, which is listed incorrectly in the course catalog, as OPT1801L to OPT2941

The Curriculum Committee indicated the changes could be made in the fall of 2020 as the program is up for review and expansion at that time.

ITEM #4 Externship Site

Two new externship sites have been added to the program bringing the total to almost forty-five.

IJCAHPO last year recognized the program for the breadth and depth of clinical training sites. Recently, two more doctors' offices have agreed to be clinical sites. This provides more opportunities for the students to learn. In the program, the students learn their profession by rotating to three different clinical sites during their last three semesters.

Action None

ITEM #5 VA Externship Site

Krishna Patel from the class of 2014 has accepted the position of clinical supervisor in the ophthalmology department at the VA.

ITEM #6 Vision Screening

The OMT Program held three vision screenings outside the college this past year to help the indigent population receive vision care. Our newest partner is Helping Hands in Boca Raton. In addition, we held several vision screenings at the school to provide eyecare for students, staff and faculty.

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Attendance Dr. Kershner, Dr. McKay, Ryan Stanfield, Kerry Bryant, Chelsea Johnson, Kathy Seale, Mark McKay

Submitted by: _____

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