

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology

March 30, 2017

6:00 – 7:30 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

Action: None

ITEM #2 Curriculum Changes

Discussion: Mark McKay stated that he wanted the BPC to approve moving course OPT2101L from the fall semester to the spring semester. Dr. Kershner explained the reason the change was needed. The BPC unanimously agreed with moving the course from a prerequisite to corequisite for course OPT2942.

Action: None

ITEM #3 Internships

Discussion: This semester we tried to placing students at two different internships sites. Eight weeks was not enough time for the students to become comfortable at the practice nor was it enough time to show their skills to a potential employer. Most electronic medical records systems are different at every practice and it takes time to learn the system. However, a few practices still use paper charts. It was asked how we keep track of students' clinical hours and skills for our and JCAHPO purposes. It was explained that this is tracked using a program called HandBase.

We discussed trying to place the students in general ophthalmology the first two semester and assigning them to a specialty practice the last semester. Location and availability will play a role in where the students are assigned.

Additionally, we added a new internship to the program, Dr. Russel O.D. There was a concern of having an optometric internship site because our students graduate being eligible to take the COMT exam and they are looked upon as physicians' assistants for ophthalmologists. It was suggested that we could rotate students through an optometric practice once a week so they could practice their refraction skills.

Action None

ITEM #4 Grand Rounds

Discussion: Grand Rounds will be held April 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m... We are trying to find a way to involve former students in Grand Rounds and possibly a reunion of all classes. Continuing education courses would be a way of keeping former students connected to the program as they are a very valuable asset to the program.

Action: None

ITEM #5 Future Agenda Items.

Discussion: Items that the committee would like to discuss in the future will be communicated to Mark McKay and added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: None

Other

Attendance Dr. Robert Kershner, Martha McKay, Anabel Salvador, Ryan Stanfield, Kerry Bryant, Mark McKay

Submitted by: _____

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