

Surgical Technology Advisory Meeting  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 2005 4 pm

Attending:

Ruth LeTexier, Chris Boman, Joe Myers, Yvonne Lykken, Gail King, Cheryl Wolff,  
Kristy Storstad. Student: Heidi Abrahamson

1. Minutes from previous advisory meeting reviewed and approved.
2. Discussion of current curriculum, members discussed the need for students to purchase laptop computers for their eventual role in the workplace. Committee recommended dropping Introduction to Computers from curriculum thereby decreasing the financial burden on the students. Alternative means of performing computer skills at the workplace were discussed.
3. Program outcomes reviewed and approved.
4. Graduation and employment rates reviewed. Employers were satisfied at the level of training the graduates receive and the competency of the graduates. Graduate Review: placement of the graduating class: **18 graduates:** 16 employed, 2 continuing education. There was discussion of recruitment of students from the various clinical affiliates to encourage staff within the hospital to return to school for advancement and training
5. Changes in the accreditation process were discussed. The group reviewed the competency skills list the online access to the record was demonstrated. Employers supported the idea of the student/graduate being able to access their own clinical records to demonstrate cases or procedures achieved.
6. **New Clinical Instructor:** New clinical instructor hired for the Mayo Clinic site, previous instructor resigned to seek a Master's degree. Elizabeth Majerus hired to replace previous instructor. New instructor has experience in Cardio/Thoracic surgery
7. **Annual Report:** Group reviewed data from ARC-ST Annual Report.
8. **Clinical Courses:** Clinical requirements were reviewed. Committee looked at the final course evaluations and some minor adjustments were made to address professional behavior area.
9. Discussion of clinical sites being utilized for the current program. Group was satisfied with the variety of specialties being addressed.
10. Altru Health System recognized for a donation of an Endoscopy camera system and tower to house the unit, estimated donation of \$40, 000.00. Demonstration of the camera system and discussion of what this will mean in terms of application and troubleshooting for student use.