

## **Surgical Technology Advisory Committee Minutes**

Ruth LeTexier called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, Monday October 9, 2006 at NCTC.

Members present: Ruth LeTexier, Beverly Wirth, Dr. Mark Siegel, Joe Myers, Cheryl Wolff, Rosie Hultberg, Dawn Williams, Chris Boman, Mike Normandin, Student representative: Andrena Olson

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Agenda Items Addressed:

Graduate Review: placement of the graduating class:

**16 graduates:** 14 employed, 1 continuing education, 1 joining Ameri-Corps.

**Curriculum:** Group reviewed the Operative Procedure course and discussed the merits of offering a course on-line. No changes to curriculum. Group viewed the D2L format and experimented with the course on the computer to see how easy it would be to navigate in a course on line.

**Annual Report:**

Group reviewed data from ARC-ST Annual Report.

**Assessment:** Group asked to provide information about employer survey return rate, ideas floated as to how to encourage a good rate of return. 50% is the threshold set by the ARC-ST – the program consistently meets or exceeds this rate. A sample of the graduate and employer surveys were provided for review the surveys are set by standard to the same level for all accredited programs.

**Other:** Bev Wirth announced she would be retiring at the end of the 2007 school year. Discussion of the process of replacement of her position, Ruth reported it would need to be a surgical technologist to meet ARC-ST program requirements. Dr. Siegel will no longer serve as medical director.

Review/Revise Program Outcomes

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Graduates of the Surgical Technology program are expected to be able to:

- 1) Perform skills necessary to safely fulfill the role of the Surgical Technologist, including the application of infection control practices.
- 2) Demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with the profession and employer expectations utilizing ethical and legal considerations relevant to the role of the surgical technologist.
- 3) Evaluate information using problem-solving and critical thinking skills relevant to the surgical technologist position.

- 4) Demonstrate proficiency in the application of aseptic technique in all aspects of the surgical care of patients.
- 5) Demonstrate basic competence in the use of surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment used to provide patient care.
- 6) Integrate a comprehensive understanding of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, medical terminology and microbiology when assisting with surgical procedures.
- 7) Communicate effectively with patients, physicians, and colleagues based upon respect for the dignity and worth of each person.
- 8) Exhibit behaviors conducive to effective teamwork.