

**COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS  
DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009  
AT112 – HEALTH OCCUPATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present:**

Rosa Angon, Judy Lara, Amanda Gomes, Lori Larsen, Jaime McHenry, Kelly Merrill, Holly Phillipi, Hillary Reed, Barb Taylor, Lisa Trepiaak

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Advisory committee was called to order at 1:00 PM by Hillary Reed.

**2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the committee gave a booklet for members to take home. Answered questions about time commitment and needed input.

**3. TOUR OF THE FACILITY:**

Walked through new facilities and viewed new equipment purchased by bond money.

**4. LEGISLATION UPDATE:**

Reviewed RDA duties significantly changing and provided information on the legislation changes, specifically Business and Professions Code Section 1757 due to take place July 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010.

**5. CURRICULUM UPDATE:**

Reviewed curriculum updates; discussed major changes in the curriculum committee documents; Informed the committee that the curriculum had not been overhauled since 1989; reviewed fall and spring syllabus and discussed significant changes; Revealed multiple course title changes; Questioned committee about changing units for DA 163, Dental Disease and Oral Health Issues to DA 156, Dental Assisting Fundamentals- committee agreed unit change is necessary, three hours of lecture is too much for the curriculum content in DA 163. Discussed how to improve “soft skills” throughout the program curriculum.

**6. JOB PLACEMENT:**

Informed the committee of the number of program graduates for the 2009 academic year and their current office employment. All students that applied were retained this year.

**7. APPLICANTS:**

Reviewed applications for Class of 2010.

## **8. COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

Continuing education needs identified, especially in new duties for the RDA

- a. Dr. Browning and Dr. Lewis maybe willing to teach continuing education courses
- b. Discussed the application process and \$350 fee for applying to the California State Dental Board to offer continuing education through College of the Redwoods
- c. Identified that most continuing education offered through Humboldt Del-Norte Dental Society is only relevant to the dentists and is very limited in its scope
- d. Discussed the needs for hands-on courses

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**