

College of the Redwoods  
Dental Assisting Program Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda  
Friday, May 15, 2015  
AT 101- Dental Health Center Waiting Room  
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Members Present:

Hillary Reed, Raynell Tindall, Liz Bagnell, Amanda Gomes, Barb Taylor, Kellie Renner

1. Call to Order
  - a. Called to order at 1:00 pm by Hillary Reed.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved the meeting minutes from June 6, 2014.
3. Discussed Concept-Based Teaching and identified themes that could be crisscrossed through the entire curriculum. It was noted that our graduates have strong clinical skills, but that communication, respect, adaptability, and work ethic seemed to be lacking in new employees. Members believe that in the era of text messaging and constant posting on Facebook that basic face-to-face communication skill and social boundaries are lacking. Additionally, instructors stated that students had difficulty paraphrasing the dentist's remarks to the patient. The group decided that the following three areas would be of focus for next year.
  - a. Identified 3 major themes in Dental Assisting:
    - i. Teamwork
    - ii. Communication
    - iii. Efficiency/ Organization/ Adaptability
4. Discussed AB 178 and proposal of discontinuance of the practical portion of the RDA Exam.
  - a. Statics recently provided by the Dental Board of California's website reveals that only 16% of all RDA Exam Candidates past their practical exam in 2014. This was because grading criteria was drastically changed. CADAT sent an e-mail on 5-11-15 urging faculty and students to support AB 178, a temporary moratorium on the Practical Exam. CR Faculty support AB 178, both faculty and students sent letters to Jim Wood, DDS, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative on 5-13-15.
5. Discussed OSHA Requirements for Accreditation.
  - a. It was noted that the Program Coordinator has concerns about OSHA compliance and that the Clinical Handbook will be modified this summer to address these concerns.
6. Discussed internship issues.
  - a. Faculty brought up that several offices were dismissing their employees at lunch and at the end of the day and requiring the intern to stay and assist. Faculty felt this was unsafe, unjust and taking advantage of the students. Faculty proposed a list of "Internship Rules" be included in the packet. Committee members felt that it was unnecessary and strongly advised that offices engaging in this practice no longer be utilized as an internship site.
7. Adjourn.