

**Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC)
Dental Hygiene Meeting Minutes
Central Georgia Technical College- Building I Quad A
January 28, 2016-10:00 A.M.**

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Dr. Annie McElroy	VPAA Southern Regional Technical College	
Mrs. Elaine Williams	CPS, TCSG	

At 10:00 AM, Candace Marshall called the meeting to order. Ms. Marshall welcomed everyone and announced that David Byers be taking the minutes and serving as the secretary during the meeting.

Elaine Williams also welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Annie McElroy, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Regional Technical College. She thanked Dr. McElroy for attending today's meeting.

Student Interviews:

The first topic on the agenda concerned the recent stance from the TCSG attorneys that interviews should no longer be allowed as a component of admission for students into competitive programs. Elaine Williams stated the state lawyers are taking a strong stance that interviews should not take place. David Byers stated that he believes interviews to be an important tool to help determine program admission into professional programs. Suzanne Edenfield pointed out that the USG schools use interviews, and will continue to use interviews, with an almost identical curriculum to ours. Dr. McElroy asked if the dental hygiene accrediting agency (CODA) has anything to say. The answer is that CODA does not state they have to occur, but does not say they are forbidden. The annual accrediting survey asks programs to identify if they utilize interviews as part of the admissions process. It was stated that the opinion of the Advisory Boards may carry weight with the state attorneys, but maybe not. Dr. McElroy pointed out that this may be something that individual programs could choose to do, but without legal support from TCSG.

It was asked if programs require students to gain hours of observation or assisting prior to program entry. The following numbers were shared:

Athens Tech	40 hours
Atlanta Tech	96 hours
CGTC	40 hours
Columbus Tech	20 hours
Lanier Tech	100 hours
Wiregrass	24 hours

Changing DHYG 2050 from 3 credit hours to 2:

Suzanne says 2 hours for the Pathology course in USG was sufficient and she would like to make the change. Barbara Jansen says she can barely get everything in during the three hours currently allowed. David says he believes he could adapt to make the change from 3 to 2. Everyone voted and the count was 11 opposed to changing the current standard and 2 in favor of changing the standard. The standard will continue to be 3 hours.

Dropping MATH 1101/Math1111 as a core course:

MATH 1101 or MATH 1111 is no longer required as prerequisite for CHEM 1151. They are still required as a prerequisite for CHEM 1211. Several schools only offer CHEM 1211, but will accept CHEM 1151 for transfer students. Athens, Savannah, Columbus, and CGTC all only offer CHEM 1211. No changes are recommended to the Standard because it must meet the needs for all programs.

New CODA Standards and specifically the laboratory component of DHYG 1030:

New CODA standards have been adopted concerning expanded duties. To summarize, the new standards state that if expanded duties are allowed by state law to be taught in the curriculum, then the students MUST be taught to at least the level of laboratory competency. The primary course that could be affected with this change is DHYG 1030 (Dental Materials). It was determined that the new CODA standards should have no effect on the way the curriculum is currently established within the TCSG standards, so no changes need to occur with DHYG 1030.

It was asked if anyone is teaching electric pulp testing (EPT). This is not a service that hygienists in Georgia can provide to patients, but the theory can be covered in lecture. It was unanimously decided to leave this topic in DHYG 2010 (Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lecture), and to remove it from DHYG 2020 (Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lab). The lab hours in DHYG 2020 will be transferred to Competency #12 (Ultrasonics and Air Polishing).

DHYG 1070 and DHYG 1090:

The DHYG 1070 (Radiology Lecture) and DHYG 1090 (Radiology Lab) are separate courses and are not listed as corequisites. It was decided with a unanimous vote that the courses will continue to remain separate, but they will now be listed as corequisites.

Elaine will verify that this change does not require a Probe.

Questions surrounding Occupational courses in the Health Care Science Certificate:

It was asked if any programs are required to offer any occupational courses to students who are not currently admitted to a DHYG program. In particular, courses that occur earlier in the DHYG sequence such as DHYG 1000 (Tooth and Root Morphology) and DHYG 1020 (Head and Neck Anatomy) could be considered in this manner. These courses, as well as several other occupational courses in the DHYG curriculum, state that program admission is a prerequisite for the course(s). The concern was that these courses may be offered within the Healthcare Science Certificate. David stated that allowing the students to take these courses may be implying a promise to program admission. The prerequisite is for program admission to the Dental Hygiene Degree program, not the Healthcare Science Certificate. It has also been speculated that the Healthcare Science Certificate may be phased out in the near future.

Additional questions, discussion, proposals:

David stated that he is concerned about the appeal process for students who have been dismissed from the DHYG program, or any Allied Health program, for safety reasons. His concern is that the programs may be required to have these students continue with patient care until an appeal is resolved. Dr. McElroy suggested forming a Faculty Senate if one is not already in place.

April Catlett stated that she is concerned about Medical Terminology. She believes it is an important course that we do not have as a core course and would like to add it so it could be covered with financial aid. Elaine pointed out that we can not add any additional hours to our program.

Elaine stated she will be retiring as of April 1st. The new curriculum specialist for DHYG will be Ms. Holly Free. She thanked the DHYG team for always working well with her and for the passion we have for our profession.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.