

TCSG 4/28/17 - Sonography/Cardio

In attendance: Kristen Buoy, NiQuanna Robinson, Kristi Flowers, Jessica Smith, Deanna Harkins, (GANW DMSO), Dr. Hall, Tina Welch

On conference call: Pat Thomas, Sharon Jenkins, Elizabeth Frails, Lorraine Noll, Capri Mitchell, Krista

**General Announcements related to TCSG:**

Healthcare Science certificate is going away at all TCSG colleges. Each college has their own plan to resolve entry level degree.

Holly Free works at a remote office on Thursdays: Contact # 706-754-7829

**DMSO (begin at 10:05)**

**Discussion #1:**

How is 4 semester system going?

Students struggling with time frame

Feedback from clinical sites: Student scanning ability, competency lower,

Not as advanced from sites, students not as prepared

Discussion ensued regarding associate level needs in our communities of interest and graduating entry level technologists versus a 4 year degree program. This discussion was led by Dr. Hall of Augusta Tech.

**Discussion #2:**

DMS at GTC still going 5 semesters, utilizing only the new curriculum hours (less hours per semester using the and/or function in clinical hours of the curriculum) . GTC feels this is helping with scanning competencies.

Holly Free: discussion of clinical hours and the split course options in the curriculum. Explain how the courses are outlined in KMS.

Holly also reminded group that the President's council looking to keep the changes to a minimum. To justify any new credit hour changes to curriculum, we (as a consortium) would have to conduct a financial analysis of actual contact hours vs credit hours and show that it would be of benefit to re-

evaluate the credit hours of a program. In other words, show that the colleges are not spending more on contact hours versus credit hour income for courses and that it is a detriment to the college.

### **Discussion # 3**

Learning outcome changes? None suggested by group.

### **Discussion # 4: regarding program structure and accreditation as it relates to curriculum.**

Points of interest: Self-Study analysis, Competencies, Neonatal Head: Not readily available in most regions. No children/ pediatric

Group suggested making competencies didactic if not encountered in field

Discussion of competency level grading and numbers

Discussion of course structure and when doing OB and Vascular class placement in program structure

Discussion of simulator training in curriculum to assist with OB competencies

Holly Free reminds us that KMS is a suggestion about the curriculum and doesn't have to be followed exactly. As long as the college properly documents on their end, the college can arrange curriculum for what works best in the local community of interest. Also, if we need to add additional items to the curriculum to meet local needs, programs may do so.

DMSO part of the meeting adjourned at 10:37AM

### **CAVT & ECHO (starts at 10:52)**

#### **Old Business:**

Looking at pre-req. hours, do they match

Program descriptions, program justification needs to be updated. 3 the programs will come up descriptions

#### **Discussion#1:**

**CAVT 1002** : Very few learning outcomes in course. Discussion of what each college is doing in that course. College can use it to discretion for course content/ adding course content listed learning outcomes. Same reminder from dms0 discussion regarding local needs and KMS learning outcomes.

#### **Discussion#2:**

Discussion about clinical contact hours for CAVT, no increases unless we go through a contact hour audit. We can work on as a group if interested. At this time, we will keep it the same.

**Discussion#3:**

Discussion regarding Lecture/ Lab1/Lab2, etc contact hours. Lab 2 is lecture and or demonstration per TCSG. Lab/ Lecture hour guide is listed on TCSG website. We can find in Policy and Program Manual area 5.1.2

Definitions, wording for 0.2-06-06 explanatory comments on credit hours, and contact hours breakdown

02-04-03 Occ based delivery system

**Discussion#4:**

Feedback from clinical sites regarding new curriculum:

Central no clinical problems with clinical, GTC some complaints that they are not as ready

**Discussion#5:**

Can a college locally substitute an old course into the new curriculum to remove drug calculations from curriculum? This will help meet national educational standards (ECHO)

Options presented by Dr. Hall as follows: Program can adopt the Institutionally Developed (ID) program that is being used by NWGA tech. It has the structure that is desired.

Local changes (for college) can be done locally if there are clear plans and not violating accreditation processes. Make sure all internal documentation follows justifications and what actual program options are included.

Follow local processes and then go to TCSG processes to adopt the ID program.

**Discussion#6:**

Clinical implications of new curriculum is that the skills of students are being sacrificed and not up to date.

New pathologies and technologies need to be added to the standards and we can't, meaning even less clinical teaching.

Discussion about splitting courses into A and B courses and then teaching them in a A and B semester session.

Discussion about adding and learning strain for echo

**Discussion#7:**

Can we shift or realign hours in the clinical hours? Not looking to add any credit hours to the programs, just shift to benefits student contact hours, especially in summer sessions. Three programs will be effected by this change and all agree that it would be beneficial. Group will meet again on June 21<sup>st</sup> to work on these changes. Holly will be present for meeting.

CAVT/ ECHO adjourned.

**VAST:****VST 1041**

New class was created in curriculum changes. Discussion about lecture vs lab time in this course

Employer survey reveals that students are not as prepared

Discussion about content for 2050 and 2060. Some information that was supposed to be state standards is not in standard descriptions. Holly and Sharon will work on the standards today.

The standard curriculum will be changed to closely match Georgia Northwestern's two courses. The changes will be made in KMS with an information change ticket to be posted on TCSG website.