

## Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC)

### Surgical Technology IFCC Minutes

Date: February 24, 2023

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Columbus Technical College

Meeting Facilitator: Sasha Kahiga

#### Attendees

- 1) Sasha Kahiga- Curriculum Program Specialist, Technical College System of GA (TCSG)
- 2) Erin Baggett- Instructor, Gwinnett Technical College (IFCC Chair)
- 3) Penny DiLorenzo- Program Director, Coastal Pines Technical College
- 4) Dr. Faye Mathis- Allied Health Dean, Coastal Pines Technical College
- 5) Katrina Bohanon- Program Director, Wiregrass GA Technical College
- 6) Fairen Wells- Program Director, Central GA Technical College
- 7) TC Parker- Program Director, Gwinnett Technical College
- 8) Mary Jo Bergman- Program Director, Chattahoochee Technical College
- 9) Coretta Gothie- Department Head, Augusta Technical College
- 10) Patti Chester- Clinical Coordinator, Chattahoochee Technical College
- 11) Gina Chambers- Program Director, Southern Regional Technical College
- 12) Santedra Wright- Program Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 13) Philip Clark- Clinical Coordinator, Columbus Technical College
- 14) Lori Massey- Program Director, Albany Technical College
- 15) Bridget Betterson- Program Director, Savannah Technical College
- 16) Tammy Hatcher- Program Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 17) Nicol Bates- Program Director, West GA Technical College
- 18) Carl Sandy- Program Director, Columbus Technical College

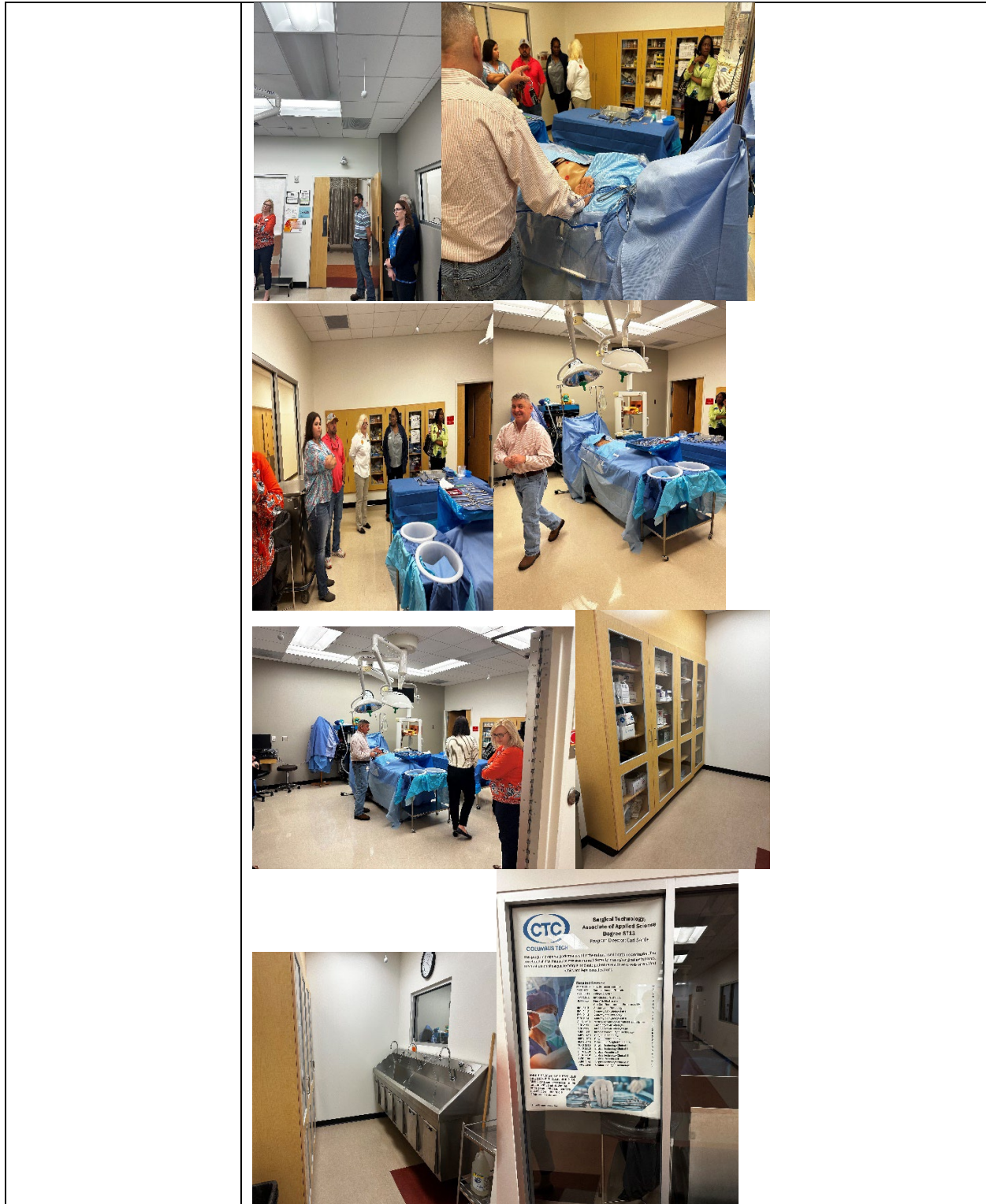
#### Agenda Topics/Discussion

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<i>Welcome</i>	Sasha Kahiga called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Each person present in-person and on Webex introduced themselves, including which school they represent and their role there. Sasha Kahiga introduced the IFCC Executive Board: Erin Baggett, Chair; Carl Sandy, Co-Chair; TC Parker. She advised that Jamey Watson has left the TCSG system, so he is no longer on the Executive Board.
<i>Columbus Technical College Tour</i>	Carl Sandy (Program Director) and Philip Clark (Instructor) of Columbus Technical College provided the group with a tour of the Wright Health



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Ms. Kahiga provided updates regarding staffing changes and duty realignment for the TCSG healthcare Curriculum Program Specialists. She introduced her new colleague, Ms. Tammy Bryant, who has divided

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	<p>responsibility for part of the healthcare programs. Dr. Sandra King was also introduced as the Senior Executive Director of Academic Affairs for TCSG.</p> <p>Ms. Kahiga initiated a discussion regarding the use of AI applications by students. Several instructors agreed that they had started to see the use of this in their students' work. Sasha stated that TCSG has begun looking at this issue and will be devising strategies to combat it.</p>
<b>CSSP Discussion</b>	<p>Ms. Kahiga stated that volunteers are needed to serve on the CSSP Executive Board. Anyone interested should contact her.</p> <p>Ms. Kahiga held a discussion regarding the possible standardization of the curriculum to consolidate the CS91 and CSB1 programs.</p> <p>TC Parker spoke regarding the possibility of a pilot CAAHEP accreditation program at Gwinnett Technical College in the near future. After discussion, it was agreed that any changes to the curriculum at the state level should be placed on hold until the accreditation question is settled.</p>
<b>Core Curriculum Discussion</b>	<p>Erin Baggett presented the proposed changes to curriculum based on the new 7<sup>th</sup> Core Curriculum from AST. Two documents were provided to the IFCC that summarized the changes: IFCC Executive Board Report on Curriculum Changes; and SURG 1010-1020 Categories. Changes for each course were reviewed in detail with ample discussion from the IFCC.</p>
<b>Review &amp; Approval of SURG Revisions</b>	<p>Ms. Kahiga discussed the timeline of the changes. She indicated that a PROBE would most likely be required and that approval may not be complete until Fall 2023. This will still give sufficient time for KMS changes to be made and for programs to implement by the August 2024 required deadline from ARC/STSA. Sasha indicated that programs should not implement the credit hour changes or delete SURG 1080 until the changes are approved by TCSG and applied in KMS.</p> <p>Ms. Kahiga called for the IFCC to vote on the proposed changes. The vote was unanimous to approve the changes as presented by the Executive Board</p>
<b>Discussion of First Assistant Program Development</b>	<p>Ms. Kahiga introduced a discussion on the development of a First Assisting program. When asked if there was interest from the IFCC, there were a few members who said yes. Anyone with interest was asked to submit their name to Sasha.</p>
<b>Open Discussion/Closing Remarks</b>	<p>Ms. Kahiga informed the group of the revision and PROBE process. She stated that once she has completed the revisions within the curriculum database and prepared the PROBE documents, her administration will review</p>

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	<p>&amp; approve to initiate the PROBE process. She stated that once the PROBE process begins it can take at a minimum of 90 days to be approved or much longer depending upon votes and etc.</p> <p>She further stated that once the PROBE has been approved, colleges have a year to implement the changes. The group has no further questions or comments and Ms. Kahiga thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.</p>
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Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Erin Baggett