

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC)

Surgical Technology IFCC Minutes

Date: February 08, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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) Katrina Bohanon- Program Director, Wiregrass GA Technical College
- 4) Fairen Wells- Program Director, Central GA Technical College
- 5) TC Parker- Program Director, Gwinnett Technical College
- 6) Mary Jo Bergman- Program Director, Chattahoochee Technical College
- 7) Coretta Gothie- Department Head, Augusta Technical College
- 8) Gina Chambers- Program Director, Southern Regional Technical College
- 9) Santedra Wright- Program Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 10) Philip Clark- Clinical Coordinator, Columbus Technical College
- 11) Lori Massey- Program Director, Albany Technical College
- 12) Bridget Betterson- Program Director, Savannah Technical College
- 13) Nicol Bates- Program Director, West GA Technical College
- 14) Carl Sandy- Program Director, Columbus Technical College
- 15) Nikki Gilbert- Dean of Health Sciences, West GA Technical College
- 16) Patricia Wynne- Dean of Health Science, Central GA Technical College
- 17) Hunter Thomson- Clinical Coordinator, GA Northwestern Technical College
- 18) Sherry Dickman- Instructor, Savannah Technical College
- 19) Denelle White- Program Director, Athens Technical College

Agenda Topics/Discussion

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<i>Welcome</i>	Sasha Kahiga welcomed the faculty and thanked them for their attendance. Sasha introduced herself and asked the faculty to introduce themselves by providing their name, college, and title. After introductions, Sasha reviewed the agenda and explained to the group that the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways for the colleges to implement the new 2023 version of the Surgical Technology program and course standards.

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<p><i>TCSG Updates</i></p>	<p>Sasha provided the group with a quick summary of various projects and initiatives. Sasha stated that the 2024 Allied Health IFCC meetings have been set, and any additional meetings requested by the IFCC will need to be conducted virtually. Sasha s</p>
<p><i>Review of New Program Standards</i></p>	<p>Sasha thanked the Executive Board (Erin Baggett, TC Parker & Carl Sandy) for their hard work and dedication to revising the program standards and meeting preparation. Sasha reminded the group of the CSSP topic placed on hold during last year’s meeting due to the upcoming curriculum changes and possible requirements for programmatic accreditation. Sasha asked the group about the status of those changes. In response, TC Parker (Gwinnett Tech) stated that there has been no change to the programmatic accreditation requirement. Sasha thanked TC for keeping the group informed and noted that the KMS standards must still be reviewed and updated to ensure the curriculum aligns with current professional trends and skills. The group agreed, and Sasha stated that having a CSSP Executive Board would be helpful to begin the process. Sasha asked for five volunteers to serve on the CSSP Executive Board, and the following faculty offered their time to serve on the board,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Philip Clark ~ Columbus Tech 2. Gina Chambers ~ Southern Regional Tech 3. Jennifer Behlmann ~ Gwinnett Tech (volunteered by TC Parker) 4. Katrina Bohanon ~ Wiregrass GA Tech 5. Coretta Gothie~ Augusta Tech <p>In closing, Sasha thanked the volunteers and informed them they would receive an email from her within the next few weeks to begin the program/course review process. Afterward, Sasha thanked the group again for everything that they did and turned the meeting over to the Chair, Erin Baggett (Gwinnett).</p> <p>Erin Baggett distributed and reviewed several documents regarding the new curriculum, including textbook curriculum maps, syllabi curriculum maps, and categories added to the curriculum. Discussion was held regarding how to start implementing the curriculum into individual syllabi, timelines of when changes are required, and reasons for credit and contact hour changes. Discussion was held regarding how to use the contact hours and workload units to ensure programs meet the accreditation requirements for student-to-teacher ratio. Marketing strategies were discussed.</p>
<p><i>Breakout Sessions</i></p>	<p>Group 1- Led by TC Parker Colleges: Athens, Central Georgia, Chattahoochee, Coastal Pines, Georgia Northwestern, Southern Crescent, Wiregrass</p> <p>Group 2- Led by Erin Baggett & Carl Sandy Colleges: Albany, Augusta, Columbus, Gwinnett, Savannah, Southern Regional, West Georgia</p>

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	<p>Each group discussed individual schools' course offerings per semester and the changes necessary to balance the new credit and contact hours. It was emphasized that these changes must be in place by Fall 2024, so decisions must be made quickly before those schedules are submitted to the local institutions. Additionally, discussions were held regarding student eligibility for financial aid based on full-time hours and ensuring each semester qualifies students for full-time status.</p>
<p><i>Open Discussion/Closing Remarks</i></p>	<p>Sasha asked the group if there were any additional topics to cover. There were none. Sasha reminded the faculty of the importance of SkillsUSA and encouraged them to get involved along with their students. It was stated that their students can't participate in the competitions because they aren't favorable to the Surgical Technology area. In response, Sasha and other faculty said that there is an Allied Health Knowledge Bowl the students can participate in. Sasha stated she would contact the SkillsUSA State Director (Dr. Tjazha Mazhani) to request a list of competitions that could align with their program or that their students could compete based on their professional skills.</p> <p>On another note, Sasha encouraged the faculty to build professional knowledge of the various divisions at their colleges and utilize that knowledge for professional development and program marketing. She stated that taking time to learn about Adult Education and Workforce Development will allow the faculty to promote programs offered to students in other divisions of the college. The faculty agreed. Sasha asked the group if any additional questions or topics needed to be covered. There were none. Sasha thanked the Executive Board once more for hosting a well-organized meeting and feeding and mentoring the faculty during the meeting. The faculty thanked the Executive Board once more, and Sasha concluded the meeting.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Minutes submitted by: Erin Baggett