



**West Los Angeles College
Dental Hygiene Advisory Board Meeting
April 30, 2014
Agenda
6:00pm -7:30pm
Winlock Lounge**

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 - c. Discussion of minutes/progress from last meeting
 - d. WREB UCLA 2014
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 - a. Needs for 2014
5. CE update
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 - b. Radiology Safety Certificate Course
 - c. others
6. Clinic opening update
7. Baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene
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Call to order: 6:10pm

1. Welcome and Introductions – Attendee introductions:
 - a. Carmen Dones, Ara Aguiar, Lisa Kamibayashi, Carlos Sermen, Joy Ogami Avila, Joanne Peterson, Erica Johnson, Eric Boghos, Fran Lenard, Amanda De La Vega, Chris Nucho, Allison Oderkerken, Dr. Gary Green, Dr. Ron Mito, Rachel Flynn, Dr. Sandro Tomita, Julie Morrill (Hufreidy), Denise Sanchez (MEND)
2. WLAC Foundation: Joanne Peterson
 - a. Foundation funding available – “wish lists” for funding should be submitted and will be evaluated for approval by the committee.
 - b. The foundation is looking for new ideas or needs
 - c. The foundation is working towards building an infrastructure for a greater presence on campus
 - d. They would like to increase the number of available scholarships and create an alumni association
 - i. The foundation is requesting any alumni data for contact purposes. Dental hygiene will forward their internally collected data to the foundation for the most current email addresses
 - e. The foundation is looking for new members (dentists/members of allied health field)
 - f. Two \$4000 scholarships were developed for incoming dental hygiene students to help offset the costs of the instrument kits.
 - g. Aviation has a similar type of scholarship, but geared more towards their exit/licensure exam costs.
3. Class of 2013 Student Outcomes and discussion
 - a. Outcome of exams
 - i. 100% pass rate on first attempt for national board exam – 2013 and 2014
 - ii. Just over 100 students completed the application entrance essay but only 87 completed applications. 30 students have been accepted for the class of 2016
 1. Pasadena only had approx. 30 applications (they take 18 students). Possible rationale for low acceptance rate is due to AA degree requirement change prior to applying to the program.
 2. Also more private schools opening up reduce the competition for applicants.
 - b. Review of exit survey (class of 2013)
 - i. 23 students completed the survey
 - ii. One student did not feel confident with referring patients. The student patient tracking sheets will be updated to reflect referrals and class/clinic discussion will be held to provide more referral guidance.

- c. Discussion of minutes/progress from last meeting
 - i. Dr. Green inquired as to why the dental hygiene students are not being rotated through the periodontics department any longer. Connecting with Dr. Klockovold seems to be the barrier. Dr. Green agreed to oversee the students in the perio dept at UCLA on Thursdays if we send two students.
 - ii. Discussed Dental students and DH working together in ATP to develop a treatment plan. Currently, DH students observe but would like to contribute to the DH treatment planning. It was recommended to contact Dr. Camargo to discuss the possibility.
- d. WREB UCLA 2014
 - i. Wonderful opportunity for the students and much appreciation was given to UCLA and Dr. Camargo for making this happen. The students would have had to travel to Loma Linda or West Coast University to take their exams.
 - ii. 2013 1 student took the state and 23 took WREB. 80% passed on the 1st attempt 96% passed with the 2nd attempt. 1 student was unable to retest due to illness. Will re-test with class of 2014 in June.
 - iii. 2014 all 19 current students will take the WREB plus the student from last year; 20. Two students are out on illness leave but will return with class of 2016.
 - iv. California state board is considering not offering the dental hygiene state board exam any longer. Not cost effective for the amount of work needed to run the exam.
 - v. CRDTS Exam is another exam service provider for the clinical exam that is now accepted by California licensing.
 - vi. Some talk about moving towards a competency based licensure/licensure by portfolio. The college will be held accountable for the passing of students. It was stated that at this time, West DH program holds the students to a higher standard than the WREB. 3 Mock boards must be passed at a 75% minimum and each tooth is evaluated for calculus, not surfaces as with the WREB.

4. Program Review of 2013

a. Needs for 2014

- i. Erika Johnson moved “to hire another full-time faculty member”. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ii. Discussed a dental assisting program to be offered at WLAC as a pathway to Dental Hygiene. The curriculum has gone through the process on campus but not the LAOCCRC. Denise from MEND stated that she would like to have DA students rotate through her facility and Dr. Mitos also expressed interest in having students attend UCLA for clinical rotations.

5. CE update

a. RDHAP-12 students currently enrolled.

b. Radiology Safety Certificate Course

- i. Pilot ran last winter. The course consists of 2 weekends with lecture/lab/clinic sessions. Plan to offer these courses during winter and summer sessions
- ii. Recommendations from the committee members were to increase marketing for the course
 - 1. Contact dental societies, RDA programs who do not offer the radiology licensure, ROP programs/SCROC.
- iii. Challenges to enrollment success with the program are that there are many online programs available

c. Others

- i. Infection control, Coronal polishing and Pit and Fissure Sealant placement CE's have been developed and submitted to the board in November of 2013. The courses are currently pending approval from the board. The board has undergone some infrastructure changes, so the process is taking longer than normal.
 - ii. RDAEF: was discussed but unable to do since a dentist needs to prep teeth.
6. Clinic opening update
 - a. Legal council is coming May 27th to do a walk through.
 - b. A push from the student body is helping to move the process forward
7. Baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene: SB 850
 - a. WLAC has an opportunity to offer a bachelors degree in dental hygiene at community college level
 - b. Requires a high unit program with no UC/CSU transferability
 - c. Ara suggested teaching, research and public health as potential uses for a student with a B.S. in dental hygiene
 - d. Carmen is requesting letters of support from the advisory board and industry leaders
 - e. Advisory board members expressed concerns with program logistics as far as when students would be asked to complete the additional courses (potentially 3 courses – English 103, a high level research course and Math/Statistics), how many additional courses the degree would require, what the cost impact would be on students and financial aid qualification, and if the degree would be optional?
 - f. The advisory board requested a proposal of the program and survey data of from current students indicating the levels of interested in the potential to earn a B.S. degree.
8. Inter-professional Education (IPE)
 - a. There is a national push for bringing professional groups together to work together as a part of the educational process.
 - i. One Health
 - b. UCLA currently offers a case management course that requires medical, dental and nursing students to work together.
 - c. A recommendation to look into integrating dental hygiene into this type of rotation was stated by the board. Denise from MEND offered to allow students to rotate through MEND's medical. Also mentioned was Airport Marina Counseling Service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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**West Los Angeles College
Advisory Board Survey:
Interest in Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree**

- 13 respondents, all in support of West LA College offering a 4 year degree in Dental Hygiene.
- The representation of the advisory board is very diverse with dentist, Dental hygienist, WLAC Faculty, corporate members an other.
- Comments include:
 - “West LA is uniquely situated both geographically and academically to pilot a bachelors degree in dental hygiene. The student receive a strong academic program with proven high pass rates in their board exams and receive enough credits for a BS degree as it stands now but are robbed of that degree.”
 - “I am very much in support of West Los Angeles offering a four year bachelors degree. I believe a bachelors degree program will enhance the options for dental hygiene applicants and also expand graduates opportunities.”
 - “The Dental Hygiene Program is a very intensive program and feels like a graduate degree program, which offers a wide range of knowledge and information. It seems only right that the student would achieve a higher degree than only an AS degree.”
 - “It would serve as a pipeline for dental hygienists who are interested in teaching and in more advanced degrees.”
 - “This could be a great opportunity to provide a truly affordable advanced degree in dental hygiene to the community. A Bachelor Degree can open the career opportunities for the dental hygienist in education (as a representative of a dental products company, or in college educational programs), sales, research, etc. Often times, those possibilities will require a Bachelor Degree. In addition, this could put a dental hygienist one step closer to obtaining a Masters Degree.”

Carmen Dones
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13 responses

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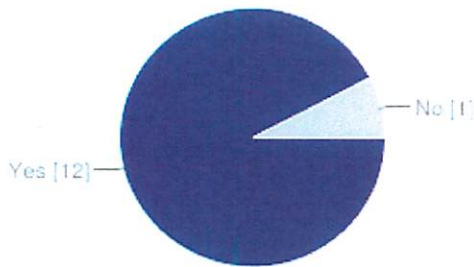
Summary

Name

- Alison Odekerken
- Fran Leonard
- Christopher Nucho
- Lisa Kamibayashi
- Denise Sanchez
- Yervant Boghos
- Phyllis Martina
- Julie Morrill
- Gary Green
- Rachel, Flynn
- Paulo Camargo
- Carlos Sermeño
- Mito

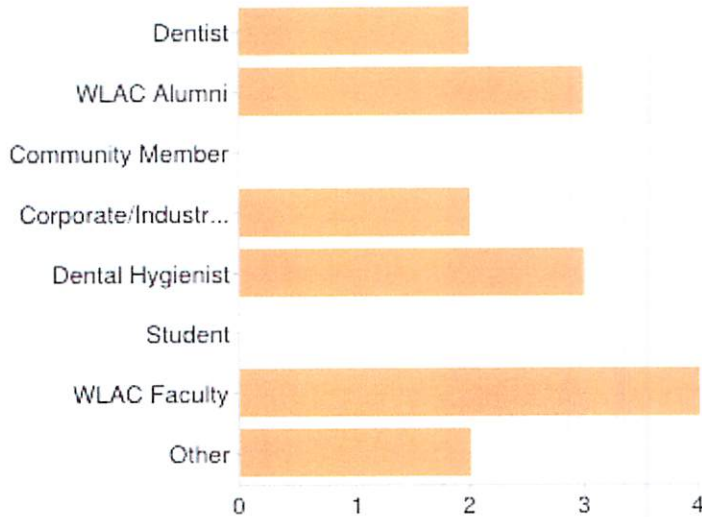


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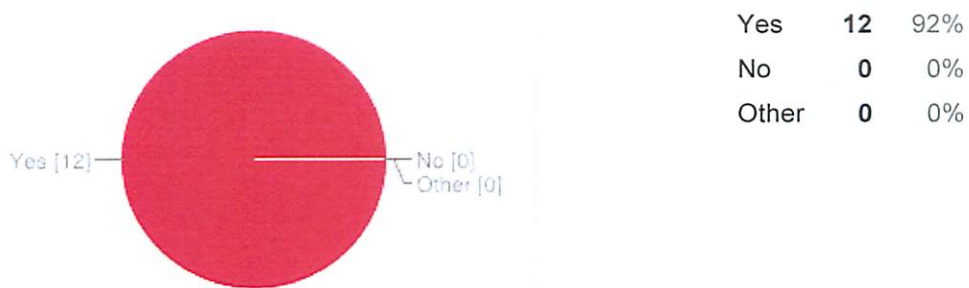
Yes	12	92%
No	1	8%

How are you connected to the Dental Hygiene program at West LA College as an advisory board member?



Dentist	2	15%
WLAC Alumni	3	23%
Community Member	0	0%
Corporate/Industry Member	2	15%
Dental Hygienist	3	23%
Student	0	0%
WLAC Faculty	4	31%
Other	2	15%

Are you in support of West Los Angeles College offering a four year degree in Dental Hygiene?



Comments

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times, those possibilities will require a Bachelor Degree. In addition, this could put a dental hygienist one step closer from obtaining a Masters Degree.

This is very exciting moment for the community college. I did not think this will happen in early 2000. I am glad California is picking up this trend. Anyway, I suggest to have more corporate companies and others looking for dental hygienists who are looking for Bachelor degrees. They may be more supportive than regular clinical dentists. Dentists may not care about much about bachelor degrees.... Is CDHA and ADHA involved in this movement? It may be beneficial to get them involved? That's all I can think about and I will do as much as I can do to make this happen. Lisa Knowing the continuing high quality of the education and training provided by West's Dental Hygiene program - as evidenced by data-, this action will create a much-needed opportunity for students to earn an excellent B.S. degree at a cost that is more affordable - and add to West's stature as well.

I am very much in support of West Los Angeles offering a four year bachelors degree. I believe a bachelors degree program will enhance the options for dental hygiene applicants and also expand graduates opportunities.

I truly believe West Los Angeles College deserves to have the 4 year degree in Dental Hygiene. This program will be a very good opportunity for the students to persuade their higher education at lower cost.

I am in full agreement and support for WLAC to be able to offer a Bachelor's degree in the Dental Hygiene Program. This would be a great opportunity for students to receive a quality education while spending less than one would at a Cal State or UC university. The Dental Hygiene Program is a very intensive program and feels like a graduate degree program, which offers a wide range of knowledge and information. It seems only right that the student would achieve a higher degree than only an AS degree. If a Dental Hygiene student wishes to go further in her/his education, transferring to a university would be difficult and more time consuming as these units in the DH program are not transferrable. Having a Bachelors Degree in Dental Hygiene opens the graduate up to more opportunities in the work force than only working in private practice.

This is a great opportunity for students.

West LA is uniquely situated both geographically and academically to pilot a bachelors degree in dental hygiene. The student receive a strong academic program with proven high pass rates in their board exams and receive enough credits enough credits for a BS degree as it stands now but are robbed of that degree. The reputation of the graduates in the dental community is exceptional with many students taking extra classes to get their degrees to work in education and public health. . It would help the community by offering more students the benefits of a bachelor's degree to offer it at WEST LA COLLEGE. Thank you

I believe that this is a great opportunity. It will attract RDH candidates that would otherwise attend other institutions, therefore improving the quality of the applicants. It would serve as a pipeline for dental hygienists who are interested in teaching and in more advanced degrees.

i'm fully behind this educational improvement.

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