



Pharmacy - MINUTES
Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 4:00 PM
Zoom Online

Members Present: Zachary McCall, Rene Blomeke, Matt McCarty, Valerie Ott, and Bob Gustainis.

Members Absent: Derrick Ogawa, Misty Royse, and Melissa Hansen.

Clark College: Scot Headley, Heidi Fay, Christina Becker, and Elizabeth Flores.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on March 14th, 2024, at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The previous minutes from March 9th, 2023, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Scot announced the new allied health program Surgical Tech and discussed the importance of the allied health programs.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Heidi is almost at completion of the ASHP accreditation update.

Heidi shared the latest strategic plan updates. Heidi discussed the PTCE exam and will present more data in March about student passing rates.

Heidi shared that students have had great success during school and have been recruited for jobs before graduation.

Heidi is requesting to work with the advisory committee on admission criteria as needed to improve student advisement and resources.

Heidi informed committee that the current cohort is on track for a 100% completion rate.

Heidi announced the upcoming event Stem-O-Ween for students to join and engage in interactive workshops and learn more about healthcare programs.

Heidi discussed the summer health care camp which was a great success for student engagement and employer participation.

Heidi shared the program's updates on the curriculum to incorporate cultural competence classes and diversity outcomes.

Heidi discussed the upcoming employer survey which will include feedback on how well graduates are performing in the field or skills needed.

Zach called for a motion to pursue the PTCE exam and require it to be added to the capstone as a requirement. Additionally, pursue options for compensation to support students in taking this exam without facing financial burdens.

The advisory committee passed the motion to discover more about the PTCE exam.

Heidi discussed student pushback on obtaining an Oregon License due to high costs. Heidi asked for feedback regarding this roadblock.

Zachary recommended Heidi discuss the externship sites and whether they would be willing to cover the cost of an Oregon license.

Heidi discussed program changes such as implementing a simulation lab which included performing pharmacy wellness activities. Students were very engaged, and Heidi requested feedback from the members to provide more roles or activities they recommend for students.

Heidi is hoping to increase enrollment by coordinating events or encouraging employers to visit the college and speak with students.

Scot announced that Christina will be working alongside Heidi to cultivate increased student engagement and support.

Heidi requested any comments, feedback, or suggestions on increased enrollment.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Zachary discussed the OHSU and Legacy merger.

Matt shared that Fred Meyer's pharmacy volume has increased due to the Peace Health strike. Prescription volume has been higher.

Matt informed the committee of ongoing tech needs through the Vancouver area. Four facilities are short on techs in the Vancouver area.

Bob discussed the state's push for remote verification, and it would not require a pharmacist on site.

Valarie announced some new technicians recently joined her team.