

**Modesto Junior College  
Respiratory Care Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Minutes

**ATTENDEES:** John Basile, Carla Espinoza, Janet Fantazia, Valerie Fisher, Melissa Hernandez, Bonnie Hunt, Atour Maragoul, Margareth Hutcheson-Paris, Bruce Kennedy, Mary Martinez, Martha Robles, Alan Roth, Julie Pontarolo

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order by Julie Pontarolo with welcome and introductions.
- b. Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

**II. Report: Update on Outcome for Graduates**

- a. There were 22 graduates for the 2016 year
- b. Of the 22, 15 earned their RRT and 16 earned their CRT
- c. The NBRC exam low cut score is 88% and the high cut score is 94%, the pass rate is 67%, and only 10 students had passed the test. Out of the candidates who took the test, seven were repeat candidates and five were new.

**III. Additional funding opportunities**

- a. Additional funding opportunities were discussed; Martha Robles will look into additional funding for the Respiratory Programs such as CTE, Strong Work Force and foundation grants. The advisory board agreed on the need for graduating students to have their ACLS, PALS, NRP and BLS

certifications completed to be better prepared for the job market and this would need additional funding.

#### **IV. Associate Degree Program Update**

- a. New start date and program course lineup changes

In order to align with the fall of 2017 students will graduate at the end of April 2019 and there will no longer be a summer session. The Neonatal will be offered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester for a total of five weeks. Neonatal clinical rotations will need to be completed also during the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. Currently there are 22 students enrolled for this last summer session.

- b. The pinning ceremony for 2017 graduates will be held on December 14, 2017.

#### **V. Baccalaureate Degree Program Update**

- a. The proposed start date for the program will be August 21, 2017 one week earlier than the normal start date.
- b. The Baccalaureate students will complete the courses the same day in December as the college, but will start a week early. The students will complete everything online and meet on campus one day a week.
- c. The application process includes the following:
  - i. The student must be RRT Licensed
  - ii. Completed 39 lower division coursework
  - iii. Coursework must be CSU transferable
- d. There are currently 17 students accepted to the program

#### **VI. Faculty Recruitment Update**

- a. The Allied Health department is currently recruiting for one faculty member for the position in respiratory care. Bonnie will send out a PDF of the job description, research has been done to locate which colleges offer a MA program to help with the recruitment of the position.
- b. Marketing materials will be ordered for future advertising.
- c. Advisory board suggestions
  - i. Students need to learn to market themselves
  - ii. Dayshifts work best to meet managers.
  - iii. Need to demonstrate they are team players
  - iv. They should understand mission and value statements for interviews
  - v. Could role play to “teach” customer service
  - vi. Students have knowledge but do not apply it clinically well

**VII. Updates from committee**

- a. John Basile gave an update on Assembly Bill 387 which would require having students getting paid minimum wage for their clinical work. This goes to committee for vote on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. John Basile is encouraging member to make calls and email their legislators to vote against this bill.

**VIII. Adjourned**

