

MLT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Student Union Missouri Room – April 23, 2018

Present: Gardner, Janikowski, Lettenmaier, Morth, Olson, Sagsveen, Shipman, Uhlich
Absent: Luckenbill, Baltzer, Vossler Guest: Dean Carla Hixson

Uhlich called the meeting to order at 12:15 and asked for additions to the agenda (none).

The committee reviewed the report of program activity (attached) since October. Uhlich expressed disappointment and concern regarding the loss of two students - one who failed both a didactic course and a rotation final practical exam at the end of fall semester, and one who failed both comprehensive exams. Both were dismissed. Committee discussed but no insight regarding these failures so late in what were otherwise successful student experiences.

Only the student who failed the comp exam twice had completed a graduate evaluation of the program at this point and all comments were positive. Advisory committee also reviewed evaluations from 3 graduates who have been working over the past 6-12 mo. One commented that we might consider incorporating a specimen processing rotation (see below).

The committee was advised that urinalysis and parasitology were switched around during the first semester, as several students who have all gen. ed. courses completed, have discovered the program mid-semester and jumped in, but then have to wait a year to take urinalysis. Program officials reported that they are going to hold urinalysis the 2nd half of fall semester next year so we can catch these late-comers.

Uhlich and Janikowski shared the summary page from the March NAACLS Site Visit Report. Site visitors had no concerns and listed as strengths the interactive and accessible program officials, the synergy between the program and its clinical sites. They also suggested that the program's success and growth could be enhanced with more college support through marketing and public relations. Olson recommended emailing administration at each clinical affiliate to share these results.

Morth's, Shipman's and Luckenbill's terms on the committee will expire in June. Shipman and Luckenbill agreed to serve another 3 years. Angie Uhlich has accepted Morth's spot to our advisory board and will serve 3 years.

Discussed incorporating a specific specimen processing rotation. Each dept. does address specimen processing as it applies to that area. Will be investigated, keeping in mind there are so many different clinics, besides hospital labs, that have different specimen processing procedures. Meeting was adjourned at app. 1:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Angela Uhlich