

PALOMAR COLLEGE
DENTAL ASSISTING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: ONLINE ZOOM

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm via Zoom.
There were no guests or new members to introduce
Fall 2019 minutes were approved. No spring 2020 minutes because meeting was cancelled.

RDA Program in Covid-19/Distance learning

Denise shared how the program has adjusted to stay at home orders and COVID-19 pandemic. In person lab classes were put on hold mid-March. Lectures continued online. Labs resumed in person when safe in small groups. For spring 2020 students, accreditation allowed for a reduction of in person clinical hours. Students all completed 40 hours online. Students completed the program in waves between mid-June and mid-August. A few offices that reopened were able to take several interns, one at a time back to back until they met the minimum hours requirements

2021 internships will move forward as planned for the spring, assuming offices will allow interns. If needed students will intern on rotations and go into the summer to complete required hours.

Assessment Outcomes

Exit and Alumni Survey No surveys were completed for the 2019-2020 RDA Students. Surveys will go out to current class of students in May.

Dean Update

The Math Science Engineering Dean position for division filled. The new Dean is Patricia Menchaca. Denise shared that although she hasn't met her in person however she is very nice to work with.

Instructor updates

Dr. Hedi Allen-Hydo is teaching DA 65 lecture online and 2 labs of 8 students in the computer lab and Jasmine Durnford is teaching DA 75 lab with Adelina.

Curriculum changes

DA 60 additional half hour for lab didn't happen yet due to major schedule changes.
DA 85 hybrid course for lecture Adelina prepared the online course during her sabbatical and now will be able to put it to practice starting in Spring 2021.
DA 65 will be completely online or hybrid in the future even beyond COVID-19

ADA Report

Michelle reported that 21 Students graduated the RDA Program in 2020.

COVID -19 and social distancing required a reduction in program size for the 2020-2021 year to accommodate spacing requirement in the lab and clinical classes.

The program received a total of 24 applications for the fall 2020 program. Out of the 24, 7 were not eligible due to low GPA or not taking prerequisite courses. A total of 17 were eligible and 16 applicants were offered a space in the Fall 2020 program

The remaining 1 eligible student was left on waitlist will need to reapply next year.

The fall 2019 semester started with 16 students on August 24, 2020.

Applications for fall 2021 will be accepted starting May 10, 2021

Additionally she shared that there were three in person orientations in early 2020. After the stay at home orders orientations were transitioned to zoom meetings. Michelle presented at seven zoom orientations between May and October 2020. She also presented at two high school events.

The spring advisory meeting dates were discussed and it will take place on April 14, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned by 7:45pm.