



West Los Angeles College
Health Sciences Division
Dental Assisting Dept

August 4th, 2022

Dental Assisting Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 961 3763 9002

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669-444-9171

1. **Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)**

Raquel Medina, Dental Assisting Program Director

Carmen Dones, RDA, RDH; Carlos Sermeno, DDS, RDH, RDA; Aaron Benitez, RDA, RDH; Jeannette Zendejas, RDH; Lisa Kamibayashi, RDH; Monica Munoz, DDS; Megha Sata, DDS; Sam Hansen, public member; David Eraso, RDA DH student; Tuesy Phung (former student); David Nguyen, DMD; Rose Olague, RDA; Harris Escobar (hygiene student); Andres Rodriguez, RDA; Sandra Benavente, RDA, RDH; Angela Martin (guest); Marsha Center, RDH.

2. **State of the College (5 minutes)**

3. Dr. Carmen Dones – Dean of Academic

Affairs: Mentioned that all college disciplines have dropped in enrollment, except dental majors. She is hopeful that funding bond for SIM lab for 50 operatories.

4. **Health Science Division: Future Plans (5 minutes)**

Dr. Carmen Dones – Dean of Academic Affairs and Dr. Carlos Sermeno –

Chair of Health Sciences: Mentioned that a bond that will benefit community colleges will be in general election. Urged to vote Yes. Voting for general election. Mentioned how West LA's DA program started as a partnership with USC. Fast forward, program now has a wait list and several concurrent cohorts. Dr Sermeno mentioned the various certificates and permits that program offers and more to come. Along with future corporate partnerships. These partnerships are developing and more to come.

5. **Dental Assisting Outcomes Assessment Class of 2021 - Raquel Medina (35 minutes)**

- a. **Program Certificates:** Certificate of Achievement in Dental Assisting (29-units RDA approved program), Certificate of Achievement in Fundamentals of Dental Assisting (8-units), 2-hours California Dental Practice Act, 8-hours Infection Control, 32-hours Radiation Safety, Coronal Polishing, Pit and Fissure Sealants, CPR-Basic Life Support.
- b. **Overview:** Discussed timeline history of program 2014-2018. Approval 2017-2018.
- c. **Admissions Profile:** Discussed since 2014, how enrollment grew from 12 to currently 30 students for the day cohort. Discussed completion numbers and demographics of graduates and students. Discussed TRIO enrollment and how it has dropped in recent years. Discussed new apprenticeship cohorts with corporate partners.
- d. **Goals:** Discussed program goals: Increase enrollment, and retention, establish OA program and RDAEF program with subsequent certificates.
- e. **Outcomes:** Increase in all certificates, bootcamp of cad/cam certificates with PDS. It is estimated that approximately 3 students continue to DH program each year.

6. **Discussion Items –Raquel Medina and Aaron Benitez (35 minutes)**

- a. Discussed that since an Ortho Assisting (OA) application and subsequent approval by the California Dental Board was achieved. The team presented the Certificate of Achievement in Orthodontic Assisting program. A motion was made by Rose Olague, seconded by Sam Hansen *for West LA College to pursue an Orthodontic Dental Assistant Credit Certificate of Achievement Program. The vote was unanimous for WLAC to pursue the OA program.*
- b. Discussed that an RDA Extended Functions (RDAEF) pending application submission will finish soon.
- c. Discussion of resources for future needs (personnel, equipment, and supplies). Purchasing of iTero intra-oral scanner was recommended. Recommendations included to utilize both intra-oral cameras and iTero in radiology. Rose recommended to call Sirona.
- d. A vote to RDA-Extended Functions programs as “Credit” or “Continuing Education”. And another question arose regarding the need for an iTero Scanner for radiology students. - ***Voting Topic. Motion by Rose Olague, 2nd Sam Hansen. Unanimous YES to pursue the RDAEF program, and YES for purchasing the iTero Intraoral Scanner.**
- e. Discussion that the DA courses’

Curriculum of Record (CORs)
biannual revision is due now and the
full-time faculty will finish them fall
2022.

- f. Discussion of Continuing Education Courses that have been offered included: 32-hours Radiation Safety, 8-hours Infection Control, Pit and Fissure Sealants, 2-hour Law and Ethics, and Coronal Polishing. These CE offerings have been to Venice Skills students, and corporate partners PDS and WCD).
- g. Discussion of new Apprenticeship Cohort via West Coast Dental and Pacific Dental Services partnerships. Fall of 2022 will complete our 4th cohort since starting Fall 2021.
- h. The hiring of 2nd FT faculty, Aaron Benitez was announced.
- i. Discussion entailed future financial support for students via college resources and sponsorships from corporate partnerships.