

<b>Committee</b>	Dental Technology Program Advisory Committee	<b>Date</b>	11/07/2018
<b>Participants</b>			
<p><b>Members Present:</b> Mays Alshawi, Mohamed Abood, Hamid Babaeian, Kate Bleyer, Arax Cohen, Dana Cohen, Edwin Fajardo, Jeffrey Holmes , Lily Garcia, Marc Gerstel, Arno Hovekian, Afsaneh Iranban, Steve Killian, , Gerhard Nyquist, Olga Ramadan, Aurel Saveanu, Tony Sedler, Uri Yarovesky, Andres Zuniga</p>			
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>Call to order (6:00 pm)- Hamid Babaeian</b>, Advisory Board Chairman</p>		
<b>II.</b>	<p><b>State of the College by Jeffrey Holmes</b></p>		
<p>Jerry Holmes, the Dean of Academic Affairs recognized the Department Chair, Arax Cohen for her amazing job and hard work on behalf of the program and the industry. He said that she is phenomenal in educating and bringing up anyone to speed who are not of this industry and what we need to focus on. He explained that the New College Funding formula is poised to get a lot of funding due to the nature of success and the way the career pathways are designed. The new funding formula is structured as follows: 60% student enrollment, 20% success rate and 20% equity diversity, i.e. demographic and economic profile of the students. Thus the college with its rich diversity and demographic profile has the advantage with the new funding allocation. The college receives extra points when students register for EOPS, CalWorks, Foster Youths and the financial aid which allow us to grow on behalf of the program and the students that we serve. It is time for us to help grow this program. The president of the school has set aside marketing funds for programs in particular to bring LACC back up to the standard where it should be. The college experienced a straight line decline for the past several years. He stressed the importance of relationship with the mentors and the efforts needed in planning and strategic scheduling to make this happen. He also showed his support by making himself accessible for any ideas and concepts from the advisory board to help the program grow. Hamid Babaeian asked if we can have increased funding for the program. Dr Holmes stressed the importance of DT program' alignment with the dental industry and the need for increased program' exposure and recruitment, which will help to bring additional funding.</p>			
<b>III.</b>	<p><b>Members Introduction</b></p>		
<p>Each participant introduced themselves.</p>			
<b>IV.</b>	<p><b>Review and approval of the minutes of the meeting.</b></p>		
<p>The November 29, 2017 minutes reviewed and approved</p>			
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Dental Prosthetic Technology Curriculum Changes: Dana Cohen, Arax Cohen</b></p>		
<p>The new funding formula is 60% which are seats of people in the class, 20% comes from the student who are in need and the 20% are the number of certificates of completion which are more than 18 units and the AA degrees. To improve in this area, there is a plan to give students three certificates instead of one when they finish the course. There will be one for Fixed prosthodontic which has 41.5 units, one for Removable Prosthodontics which has 38.5 units, and one for the Dental Technology which comprise 77.5 units. The two proposed Certificates of Completion are to be offered concurrently with the Dental degree and certificate and would require no additional courses, units or work by the student. The 77.5 units that are required to finish the course make us in the middle in high units compare to other schools. These are the same courses that the student are taking if they</p>			

want to finish the Dental Technology Program. In addition, there is no extra work or costs to add the two certificates. The 77.5 full program is ADA approved program, but not the other two certificates. The student has only to fill out the form that they want these certificates. While the two certificates are not ADA certified. The Laboratory Management and the Dental Implants courses are not included in the Fixed Prosthodontic and the Removable Prosthodontic Certificates. With this proposal, we will have more funding coming up.

Arax Cohen acknowledged:

Afsaneh Iranban, graduated in June 2018 with an AS Degree in Dental Technology, Summa Cum Laude.

Arno Hovekian, 2014 Dental Technology Certificate of Achievement, on Dean's List two years in a row, proud owner of a successful Dental Laboratory "Hovekian Dental Studio". He is currently collaborating with LACCDT department in the externship program, volunteering and assisting the program with the digital technology implementation and also employing graduates.

#### **VI. Advanced Digital Certificate Program. Arax Cohen**

This program is intended for students who have graduated from the basic dental technology program. This is a 16 unit certificate program which provides students with advance studies knowledge, practical skills above and beyond the DT comprehensive program. The advanced certificate program includes studies in fixed and removable prosthodontics, embedded with digital technologies, implants, esthetic composition, smile design and full mouth reconstruction. The program is comprise of two 8 unit courses:

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APPLICATIONS IN ADVANCED FIXED PROSTHODONTICS
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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES APLICATIONS IN ADVANCED REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS
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The department is searching for potential candidates that are active in the dental prosthetic laboratory industry and able to share their knowledge and skills with the students. The Certificate program is open for anyone who have level of knowledge and skills commensurable with the pre-requisites. Several advisory members endorsed the 3Shape digital system, popular in the dental laboratory industry. Thus the students will be already instructed with the 3Shape system, enhancing their employment opportunities. It was suggested to seek equipment donations, but Mr. Cohen said that the college has specific rules regarding equipment donations. The district will only accept donations that they can actually use. Current classroom digital technology is based on Sirona in Lab 16.2. System, including: X-5 scanner, 3 Milling MCXL machines, ten CEREC units and eighteen digital ready computers.

Committee members comments:

- 80% of the scanners in the market are 3Shapes.
- Laboratory owners have to team up since they have the relationship with the 3Shape suppliers, such as Argen.
- Arno Hovekian shared with the group his experience with both Sirona and 3Shape digital systems and he stated that if you learn on Sirona system (which he did while

he was in the program) you can easily adapt to any other digital systems in the market including 3Shape with no effort at all.

*Committee members agreed with the implementation of the reorganized, revised Dental Technology Program, certificates offer and the new advanced certificate program and its value.*

## **VII. Recruitment Program**

Advisory member's recruitment suggestions:

- High schools outreach programs.
- Advisory Board members can also help promote the program.
- Incorporate the dental technology program in the dental lab owners' website.
- Distribute flyers over different campuses

**Adjournment: 7:45pm**