



## Fall 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

**Program:** Dental Assisting

**Date:** 10/17/19

**Members Present:**

Heather Fullerton, Nicole Dresser, Tamar Iskenderian, Kaycie Goudreau, Reagan Eckborg, Nicholas Chamberlain-Nunes, Ava Tanner, Caitlynn Burke, Jillian Angeramo, Tracey Angeramo, Heather Burke, Brianna Swan, Dr. Donald Kowalski, Dorothy Vannah, and Dianne Skreslet

**Program Facilitator:** Dr. Donald Kowlaski

**Committee Chair:** Dorothy Vannah

**Reviewed minutes from Spring meeting.**

**Subject:** Tufts University Radiology Certification

**Discussion:** A big thank you to Dr. Kowalski for his \$2000 scholarship to our students. 33 out of 34 students were successfully certified in radiology to be able to take dental x-rays.

**Subject:** SkillsUSA

**Discussion:** Plans to take more students to Skills U.S.A.

**Subject:** Plumbing/Model Trimmers

**Discussion:** Still an issue is the plumbing in the lab. Dr. Kowalski asked is it possible to have the trimmers in another department? Not a likely solution.



**Subject: Dexis**

**Discussion:** Brought up by Dottie Vannah. Thoughts were that students should not only be trained on Eaglesoft but also Dexis.

**Subject: Real Skull Mannequins/Need 2 more**

- Contact Dr. Aruna Ramesh about real skull mannequins
- Discussed disadvantages to Real Skull Mannequin (teeth breaking, teeth in backwards)

**Subject: Class size/classroom space**

**Discussion:** Classes are increasing every year. Need more dental chairs, more instructors to keep students safe. Not enough seats to handle over 20 students.

**Subject: Clinic Chairs**

**Discussion:** Clinic is not big enough/ 4 operatory chairs are not enough/safety

- 20 in each class at Greater Lawrence
- Budget needs to be increased/increased explore kids
- Northern Essex/ 1:6 for radiology, 1:10 for dental materials; CODA 1:12 ratios
- Co-op needs to be increased to cover incoming freshman class

**Subject: Tufts**

**Discussion:** Good news!! Seniors will be going to Tufts every Thursday and the following Tuesday

**Discussion: Co-op**

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- Co-op Students discuss things that have not been taught that should be brought into clinic applications: Alginot needs to be purchased, more final impression material, Itero scan machine, triple trays
- Dr. Kowalksi brought up that our hours for co-op are unrealistic for dentists and that we need to come up with a better way to make it feasible for both students and dentists
- Teacher presence at North Shore Dental Society Meeting

**Topic: Guest Speakers**

**Discussion:** Dottie Vannah brought up that CE's can be given to offices that work directly and show our students how to do high-tech procedures = she will forward that information to us

**Topic: Counter-top in laboratory area**

**Discussion:** Counter-top needs to be replaced (suggestions soap-stone or stainless steel); going to look into the budget for renovations to replace back counter

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:30 p.m.