

Thursday October 22, 2020 at 4:30 pm / Meeting called to order by Chase Budziak

In Attendance

Members Present:

Dana Smid - Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health
Kate Hamilton – Clinical Instructor, Rush Copley Medical Center
Jeff Dunn – Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health
Janey Ciontea – Manager of Radiology, Northwestern Medicine Kish Health

KC Members Present:

Chase Budziak – Dean of Instruction
Joanne Kantner – Vice President of Instruction
Gerald Fox – Director of Radiography
Lori Damask – Radiology Clinical Preceptor and Adjunct
Katie Macias – Minutes

Review of Last Semester Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

Comprehensive Exams/Retention/Covid

- In response to COVID, faculty reviewed SP20 semester content in FA20 courses for students and eliminated a SP20 comprehensive final. Students are making progress in FA20 content
- Reported 2 out of 10 students completing program have not taken the boards. This affects passing rate. Suggested Director reach out to the two students and work with Campion Funds to cover cost of exam, if needed.
- Retention for class of 2021-14 admitted, 11 students remaining (77 percent retention). Two students were academically dismissed and one switched out of RAD program Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) has benchmark of 75 percent retention rate.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

- JRCERT self-study required for re-accreditation is nearly complete.
- JRCERT will take into consideration Covid and goal is a 5-year accreditation
- Kate Hamilton asked about refilling the FT clinical coordinator position. It was shared that Jan 2021 standards require us to have a FT clinical coordinator who is not the program director. Job Posting is being prepared and search should complete for a new coordinator to start in January semester.
- American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (AART) proposes programs have 10 simulations and program currently has 8. Questions on new certification exam remain at 200 but the number of questions in categories are changing.

- There is a reduction in the number of required skill practices before students can take a competency test. This will expedite student progress through the content. Members agreed it is a good change to help students.
- A discussion occurred about first-year students being hesitant or scared to work with patients. Members recommended encouraging students, not being afraid to try. It is also an adjustment when students move across multiple sites in a term for exposure to all skill opportunities.

COVID Discussion

- Students in the program are doing well following rules and guidelines, and truly understand their responsibility as professionals.
- Chase Budziak asked if students at the sites are allowed to work in the ER, from a competency perspective.
- 1. Kate Hamilton-Rush Copley allows students to x-ray patients. All patients are COVID screened and students are not allowed to work with positive patients. Everything is done to not expose the students. Students wear masks and face shields all the time. The numbers of COVID will increase and students need to learn how to work in that type of environment and how to protect themselves.
- 2. Jeff Dunn (Northwestern Kishwaukee Health) stated RA and NUR students are not allowed into an ER rotation at this time to prevent Covid exposures.
- Committee asked what SP21 would look like and who makes the decision. It was shared that the information and guidance from the Governor's Office, the clinical facility, and the college decide if situations are safe for our students, faculty, and staff. The expectation is that SP21 will be a duplicate of FA20.
- Jeff Dunn shared 10-14 percent positive rates, when we were at a 3-5 percent early on, hospitalization rate isn't as high as it was back in May. Patients are getting discharged home, with younger individuals recommended to quarantine. The game changer will be if an effective vaccine gets released
- Kate Hamilton stated her numbers are going up but fewer are dying
- If a vaccine is found, the college will have to work with clinical sites to decide if students have to receive it for healthcare programs

Assessment Data – Proposed Changes-Mission Statement

- New JCERT standards coming out in January 2021. The RA program mission statement will be changed to reflect the college's mission statement.

Enrollment - Financials

- College enrollment is down 14 percent but still prepared to move forward with the new radiology equipment purchase. Coordinator of Allied Health is going to help with the procurement process
- RA is up 4.5 percent in FTE credit hours, a result of resequencing courses due to Covid. The additional course credits shifting to FA20 from last spring may be the cause.
- FY20 Program Data Summary:
 1. 38 unduplicated enrollments
 2. retention is at 98.6 percent
 3. AAS completion 15
 4. Success 100 percent
 5. Section capacity 81.7 percent

6. Revenue – Expenses = \$10,528.25

- This program has a great success rate, high demand, and is cost effective for the college. That is why \$100,000 for the equipment is being invested into the program.
- Jerry Fox wants to put a video together for information to help inform admitted students about registration and preparation to post on our website. This will prevent a delay in waiting for multiple responses to email questions.
- Joanne suggested an open zoom hour session for students to be able to call in and ask questions, great resource but needs to be discussed to make sure it stays secure and safe
- Chase Budziak and Joanne Kantner thanked everyone on the committee and very grateful for everyone's commitment

Announcements

- Lori Damask was applauded for her work with clinical students, clinical partners, and assistance with Marie Meadors departure at the end of SU20. Students love Lori Damask and clinical sites believe students have been well prepared, and doing very well

Next Meeting

April, Location unknown