Present: Claudia Pohl, Dora Arredondo, Susan Yamashita, Karissa Harding, Sanford King, Dan Bahn, Rick Cohrs, Wanda Cunyngham, Janice Olson, Lucy Urias, Brianne VanDuzer, Michelle Martinez

Welcome and Introductions
Wanda Cunyngham (admin representative) was introduced.

Accreditation
Site visit schedule was September 7th and 8th, 2006. We have received “approval without reporting requirements”, with which we are very pleased. Our thanks to all for the help and support.

Student Statistics
Grades
9 graduated 12.05 and 10 graduated 5.06 for 19 grads last academic year. 17 students have taken RDA Practical exam; 17 have passed. 3 students took 2.07 exam and 1 to take 4.07 exam. 15 of the 17 are working, 8 are continuing their education.

Advanced Students
21 students are advanced and are in clinical training offices and are on track to graduate May 06. Will graduate a total of 24 students this year, a 25% increase.

Continuing Students
11 students are continuing, 3 of whom is retaking Basics.

New Students
Had 29 new students in August and 24 new students in January. Of the January students, 10 started the FT program. Enrollment for January was the same as last year (August enrollment was up 15%); retention is up 15%.

Their demographics include:
0% with bachelors
50% have HS/GED only (reading level extremely low)
72% under 23 years old
91% single
24% receiving financial aid

Students heard about program from:
31% the catalog
11% the website
42% relatives
11% counselor

Activities
Dental Health Screening for the Child Care Center held February 15th was another big success. Drs. King, Bowen, Fujioka, Yanaga and Jeong, screened almost 100 children (Thank you!). Citrus Clarion had a full page of pictures. Children received a bag with a toothbrush, coloring book and education flyer for parents. This continues to be beneficial for the children and our students as well – they have the opportunity to do some volunteer work, work with children and local dentists. We look forward to continuing this annually. Discussion held about the new state requirements for screening of school age children.

The students also welcomed children from LaFetra Elementary during Children’s Dental Health Month and donated 250 toothbrushes to the child care center at the beginning of the school year. They also volunteered their time to help with the San Gabriel Valley Dental Society Children’s Screening.

We are continuing the potlucks to help new students integrate and feel supported through the program. Tutors are also available to students needing help.

Students continue to be active in Fundraisers. This includes sales of See’s Candy as well as taking a bus to a television studio for a taping of a show, for which they are paid.

Program Statistics
Citrus RDA graduates continue to perform well on their State Board Exams. The average pass rate is 70%, with Citrus performing at 88.7% (up 2.3% from last year). That is 6th highest in the state - out of 72 Board-approved schools in California and only 2.4% behind the top school.

The current status of the program continues to be an issue. The program has reduced most lecture classes to 1 time per year in an effort to boost enrollment. Effect has been positive with minimal negative effect on students.

**Recruitment/Marketing**
We are lessening the number of Career Fairs we are attending and are instead starting up a new High School Interface Program. This involves working directly with High School Career Counselors (from Azusa, West Covina and Oak Knoll right now) and doing presentations about the program and Intro class to students who have been identified as being interested in a career in dentistry. Intro enrollment remains at a minimum, though 18 of current 54 students took the class. Will continue our efforts.

We are also continuing the internal referral program to encourage current students to recruit. We continue to advertise in the Citrus paper, the Clarion.

**New Equipment**
We received 3 new adult DXTTRs for radiology through basic skills money.

**Faculty Activity**
Dora and Claudia have both received training in Pit and Fissure Sealants, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

**Changes/Updates**

**Addition of Counseling / Basic Skills Class**
We have added a counseling class that includes some basic skills. There has been a mixed response from students (higher functioning), but retention is up.

Pit and Fissure sealants will be added next spring to the curriculum. The application will be sent to COMDA next month for approval.

Faculty is seeing the need to increase the time spent on composite procedures to adequately prepare students for current practices.

**Update of SB 1541 and 1546**
SB 1546 signed in 2004, creating 3 new specialty categories. The intent was that no practical/written exam because of mandatory courses. Implementation date was January 2008. SB 1546 was signed in September 2006, allowing a dentist to train and educate employees in a specialty category, though there are requirements. Because of these changes, the exams are back in the equation, though not clear yet whether RDA program graduates will have to take it. Implementation date will likely be delayed until January 2010.

Citrus College will be converting to a 16-week compressed calendar effective Fall 2007. Our classes will run for 8 weeks.

**Open Discussion**
Discussion about composite procedures currently being practiced.

Respectfully,

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Claudia Pohl, C.D.A., R.D.A.