

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE
Health Information Management (HIMS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING THURSDAY, April 29, 2021 5:45-6:30 PM, via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees:

Ronna Gross, UC San Diego IS
Jamie Montoya, Arch Health Medical Group
Cassi Birnbaum, Adjunct HIMS program
Holly Jagielinski, Associate Professor HEIT/HIMS
Celerina Cornett, UCSD Extension
Hernan Amezcua, Edgemoor Hospital;
Veronica Hawkes, Graduate of HIMS program
Lorraine Wilson, Scripps Health
Craig Kishaba, UC San Diego Shiley Eye Center;
Khanh Shafer, Graduate of HEIT program 2015, Sharp Healthcare,
Tina Recalde, Dean Health Science and Public Service

1. Call to order 5:48pm
2. Approval of minutes Cassi and seconded by Veronica
3. Program statistics
 - 32 students in junior class- full cohort
 - 29 students graduating in May
 - Fall 2021 application period Feb 1-April 30; will accept 32
 - b. Low application rates-discussion regarding why and what do do about it
 - Khanh noted the AHIMA proviso may have reduced number of applicants since many RHITs who already had a Bachelor's degree were able to sit for the RHIA exam this year; she also mentioned it would be helpful to interview someone in the field while in program to get idea of jobs
 - Celerina suggested webinar series where experts talk about careers in the field • Holly thought once the pilot was lifted there may be more applicants
 - Kim noted since we transitioned to a remote workforce the program needs to evolve; there needs to be more of a work life balance
 - Ronna agreed and said there could be use of technology to use breakout rooms and other features to be more competitive with online programs
 - Hernan mentioned he had a student from a fully online program and they did not have the soft skills nor were they open to learning
 - Craig suggested we ask students what they prefer
 - Cassi thought there could be opportunities for students on campus or via Zoom who are struggling
4. Legislative update-SB in progress to remove sunset date on pilot program and expand baccalaureate programs in the state
5. CAHIIM update
 - a. Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR) due May 30

6. DCP capstone course-please plan to “Zoom into” poster presentations on May 24 from 5-7pm
7. RHIA exam pass rate and job rate
 - a. 2018 graduates
 - 9 passed first time; 1 failed
 - 12/14 working in field
 - b. 2019 graduates
 - 5 took exam; 4 passed and 1 failed
 - 13/16 working in field
 - c. 2020 graduates
 - 18/24 working in field
 - 3 planning to attend graduate school
 - d. 2021 graduates
 - 23/29 working in field
 - 2 planning to attend grad school
8. Curriculum review
 - a. 2 year revision due next year; will update textbooks and incorporate other suggestions from advisory
9. Trends and Recommendations
 - a. Project management-take a program through all various steps to completion
 - b. Visio
 - c. Training
 - d. HIMSS Incorporate resources into curriculum himss.org/resources-all
10. Next meeting-October 2021
11. Adjournment at 6:32

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