DENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUIDELINES AND OBJECTIVES
2013

1. MEMBERSHIP
   A. Three (3) dentists
   B. Three (3) Registered Dental Hygienists
   C. Three (3) Registered Dental Assistants
   D. Two (2) student members from the SCC dental assisting program
   E. Two (2) student members from the SCC dental hygiene program (1 first year and 1 second year)
   F. One (1) SCC counselor
   G. The Dean of Science and Allied Health
   H. The President or Associate Vice President of Instruction
   I. The dental hygiene and dental assisting Program Coordinators
   J. All full-time dental health faculty

2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership should include all segments of the community and strive for diversity in representation, including individuals from various types of practices, age groups, ethnic groups and genders.

A. DENTISTS
   1. All members must be members of the Sacramento District Dental Society.
   2. At least one (1) member of the committee should be a periodontist.
   3. All dentists on the committee should be practicing dentists and utilize Registered Dental Assistants and Registered Dental Hygienists in their practice.

B. DENTAL ASSISTANTS
   1. At least one (1) member of the committee should be a graduate of the Dental Assisting program at SCC.
   2. All members must be a practicing Registered Dental Assistant or a practicing Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions.

C. DENTAL HYGIENISTS
   1. At least one (1) member of the committee should be a graduate of the Dental Hygiene Program at SCC.
   2. All members must be active in the dental hygiene profession.
   3. All members must be members of the Sacramento Valley Component of the California Dental Hygienists’ Association.
3. MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

A. The president of the Sacramento District Dental Society and the president of the Sacramento Valley Component of CDHA will be asked to submit a list of names for membership on the committee.
B. Names for dental assisting members will be obtained from an active Registered Dental Assisting organization or from the community if no active organization exists at that time.
C. Student members are selected by the dental hygiene and dental assisting program coordinators.

4. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Terms for dentists, dental assistants & dental hygienists shall be for four (4) years.
B. Members may continue for two consecutive terms.
C. Appointment terms are staggered to provide new input as well as continuity.
D. Members who are unable to attend scheduled meetings may be replaced as needed.
E. Student terms will continue until graduation.

5. DUTIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEMBERS

A. Members should attend all scheduled meetings.
B. The committee is an active liaison between the program and the dental and allied dental professionals in the community.
C. There should be a mutual exchange of information for improving the program, recruiting qualified students and meeting employment needs of the community.
D. One (1) member of each profession must be responsible, when appropriate, for distribution of information obtained from the committee meetings to members of their respective societies or organizations.
E. All members should be aware of their constituent’s positions on topics to be discussed, as listed in the agenda before the meetings.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A. Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled at least one time each semester.
B. Meeting dates and agendas will be mailed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
C. Meetings will be organized and chaired by the SCC dental hygiene and dental assisting Program Coordinators.