



## **Agenda**

### **Allied Dental Education - Advisory Committee Meeting**

**6:00-7:00pm**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**Via Zoom**

The primary purpose of the advisory committee is to assist and provide recommendations to the district in establishing, operating, and evaluating programs that serve the needs of student's, business, and industry and to provide expertise pertaining to technological and subject matter changes. The advisory committee provides a mutual exchange of information for program improvement.

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| 1. Call to Order (Committee Chair)                  | Dr. Mark Frey |
| 2. Welcome/Introductions                            | All           |
| 3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (10/16/24) | All           |
| 4. Public Comments                                  |               |
| 5. Unfinished Business                              | N/A           |
| 6. New Business, Department Updates                 |               |

DHI Enrollment, Demographics

Cindy F.

DA Enrollment, Demographics

Andrea E.

DHII Updates

Jennifer A-K

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| 7. Discussion Items: | Advisory Committee Members |
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We value your input as we continue to refine and revise our curriculum to meet the needs of the profession and provide the most appropriate and current education for our future Dental Programs graduates. Discussion:

### **Jennifer Apocotos-Kirk:**

For those of you who hire our past grads, how well do they handle soft hand-offs with patients, and what could we do to better prepare them to communicate during those transitions?

**Susan Hellums**

What ideas or experiences can you share that would help our graduating students transition more effectively into private practice, particularly regarding the utilization of the 2017 AAP Classification for Periodontitis? If this classification is being used in your practice, how can we ensure that this knowledge supports not only the dentists but also the dental assistants and front office staff?

**Andrea Emerson**

I want to thank you all for your feedback last year. Based on your input regarding the RDA program, and with the Dean, Tammy Sakanashi's, approval, we were able to hire an additional associate faculty member for our clinical lab courses. This has allowed us to reduce the faculty-to-student ratio from 1:12 to 1:6, creating a stronger learning environment. Professor Murray and I are now able to place greater emphasis on developing students' clinical skill sets. From your perspective, are there any gaps between our students' clinical training and the skills needed to be fully work-ready in today's dental practices?

**Cindy Fleckner:**

In what ways are you currently seeing Artificial Intelligence (AI) being used in dental practice settings, and how do you anticipate its role expanding in patient care, diagnostics, or practice management?

8. Dean's Report – Tammy S.

**SAVE THE DATE – NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - October 21, 2026**

Adjournment