

Advisory Committee Spring 2026 Semi-Annual Minutes
Surgical Technology
Vernon College – Wednesday, April 16, 2026
Century City Campus
Joe Chat Conference Room at 4:30 pm

Members present:

Brianna Macias – Momentum Specialty Surgery Center
Alvita Foster – Momentum Specialty Surgery Center
Dr. Jedidiah Grisel – Head and Neck Associates
Kya Bergin – United Regional Healthcare
Jeremy Meadows – Community Member/ASRC Federal
Jalyn Ybarra – Surgical Tech Student
Marci Gilbert/ proxy Tori Robertson – United Regional Healthcare
Amanda Ostermann – United Regional Healthcare
Bonnie Beavers – Momentum Specialty Surgery Center

Vernon College Faculty/Staff:

Delayne Crow
Karen McClure

Members not present:

Cami Thornton – Kell West Hospital
Bricelyn Rogers – Kell West Hospital
Heather Cobb – Momentum Specialty Surgery Center
Tom Ostovich – Workforce Solutions

Delayne Crow welcomed the committee to the Surgical Technology Spring Advisory Meeting and started the introductions.

Old Business/Continuing Business.....Amanda Ostermann – Chair

Amanda Ostermann initiated the meeting asking the faculty, Delayne Crow, to review the Program Effectiveness plan. Delayne reviewed the document with the committee.

New BusinessAmanda Ostermann

Delayne explained that the only changes in the PEP are some of the outcomes for surveys. They have been updates to the current standard.

After review and discussion of PEP, Amanda Ostermann asked the committee if there were any further discussion or recommendations. Hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Amanda Ostermann asked Delayne Crow to review the handbook changes.

❖ **Approve Program Handbook**

Delayne Crow reviewed the only change to the student handbook was updating the outcomes for employer and graduate surveys. The committee briefed over the remainder of the student handbook.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee for a motion to approve the program handbook as presented.

Brianna Macias made a motion to approve the program handbook as presented.

Dr. Grisel seconded the motion.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee for further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

❖ **External learning experiences, employment, and placement opportunities**

Delayne reviewed the clinical site locations with the committee. Dr. Grisel stated that he would really like for Wichita Falls Hospitals only for clinical rotations. He stated that he would like our students to stay local instead of traveling to Lawton. Kya recommend Delayne reach out to her for more cases at United Regional. The committee discussed local employment. Tori Robertson stated that United Regional has three (3) opening in Surgery and possibly (1) more if the shoe fits, great candidate. Delayne stated that there are currently 4 positions in Lawton. Employers present said some of the students have really stepped it up this year. Staying after cases to help turnover rooms, doing what's needed for next surgery. They have made a conscious effort to help the staff.

No further discussion, Amanda moved forward.

Amanda Ostermann asked faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review his professional development.

❖ **Professional development of faculty and recommendations**

Delayne reviewed his professional development, he attended the AST Educators Conference in February 2026 for educator specific continuing education required by program accreditation. He will be attending the AST National Conference in 2027 for CST specific continuing education.

- ❖ *Delayne attended the AST Educators Conference is tailored to cater to the continual requirements of surgical technology instructors and program directors. Over several days, this event gave me invaluable insights, strategies, and resources to remain up-to-date with education. Furthermore, it facilitated networking opportunities, allowing me to connect with peers in the field of education*
- ❖ *Delayne will be going to the AST National Surgical Technologist Conference in 2027.*

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee for further discussion or recommendations for Professional Development. Hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Amanda Ostermann asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee.

❖ **Promotion and publicity (recruiting) about the program to the community and to business and industry**

Karen McClure reviewed the following information with the committee; Karen McClure attended the Vernon High School Adulging Day the second week of March, with 175 students in attendance. April 10th in conjunction with MSU AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) there were approximately 280 high school students from surrounding counties that participated in the Next Gen Healthcare Tour held n both campuses.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee if there were any further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Amanda Ostermann asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee

❖ **Program Specific Accreditation Information and Requirements**

Delayne reported to the committee the only change this year specific to accreditation is the introduction of a new textbook. He has updated the class schedule to match the new text changes and redesigned the PowerPoints that shadow each chapter.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee if there were any further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

Amanda Ostermann asked the faculty member, Delayne Crow, to review the following information with the committee.

Delayne reviewed the graduate and employer surveys with the committee members.

2024/2025 Graduate and Employer Surveys
Graduate Survey Data: Last 5 Years

ARC/STSA Threshold: 85% satisfaction with a 50% return rate

Academic Year	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25

Return Rate	91%	100%	100%	91%	100%
Satisfaction	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

2024/2025 Class— 13 surveys sent with 13 returned

Employer Survey Data: Last 5 Years

ARC/STSA Threshold: 80% satisfaction with a 50% return rate

Academic Year	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Return Rate	70%	80%	86%	89%	85%
Satisfaction	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

2024/2025 Class— 13 surveys sent with 11 returned

Delayne discussed the only surveys not returned were from out-of-town entities. The committee was pleased with the returned responses the program received.

Amanda Ostermann asked for a motion to approve the graduate and employer survey as presented.

Dr. Grisel made the motion to approve the graduate and employer survey as presented.

Kya Bergin seconded.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee if there were any further discussion, hearing none the meeting moved forward.

❖ **Surgical Technology Student Association Activities**


Delayne discussed the STSA activities during the spring semester for fundraising. The students use the funding to attend the Texas State Assembly Conference. Jalyn Ybarra (surgical tech student representative) stated that the Texas State Conference offers a dynamic program packed with valuable insights and opportunities for professional growth. On Saturday, we'll kick off with registration and a keynote address on stress management, followed by sessions on national involvement, robotic surgery, and important legislative updates. The afternoon features elections, a motivational talk on job satisfaction, and a comprehensive overview of podiatric procedures. Sunday focuses on personal stories of survival and military service, hands-on learning with medical equipment, and adapting to medical missions. Throughout the conference, attendees can network with colleagues, meet candidates for board positions, and earn continuing education credits.

Amanda Ostermann asked the committee if there were any further actions, discussion or recommendations. Dr. Grisel lead a discussion to change the name of the student of the year award to the Jeff Feix Student of the Year Award. The committee members thought that was an amazing way to honor Jeff for all of his dedication in starting and bolstering the program to its present status. The committee wants that to happen this year, they agreed that would be a nice way to memorialize Jeff's name with the program. The committee tabled the discussion for continuous discussion and vote in the all fall advisory meeting.

❖ Adjourn

Amanda Ostermann asked for any further discussions or recommendations.

No further actions, discussions or recommendations were made, Amanda Ostermann adjourned the meeting at 5:07PM

Recorder Signature Bonnie Beavers 	Date 6-2-26	Next Meeting: Fall 2026
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