

FOOTHILL COLLEGE
College Curriculum Committee

Division Curriculum Committee Meeting Report

Division: BHS

Date of Meeting: 5/20/2021

Full division vote via e-mail from 5/7/21-5/20/2021

14 approve

7 did not reply

Course Updates & Actions:

The BHS division curriculum committee received a request to eliminate the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program on 4/27/2021.

The full time faculty in the division had a detailed discussion on this topic via Zoom on 5/7/2021. An e-mail discussion and vote took place from 5/7 through 5/20/2021 to allow the full BHS division to participate in the conversation.

The division voted to **deny** a request to eliminate the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. We prepared the attached memo for submission to college curriculum.

***Actions** may include but are not limited to: general updates, substantial changes, changes for C-ID, updates to meet GE areas, number change, add distance learning addendum, etc.*

Denial of Program Elimination Request for Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The BHS division curriculum committee received a request to eliminate the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program on 4/27/2021.

The full time faculty in the division had a detailed discussion on this topic and have voted **against** elimination of the program and **in favor** of pursuing another search for a director.

The division acknowledges that previous search processes have failed. Therefore, the division is recommending that the college consider novel approaches to hiring, such as partnership with clinics in the area, in order to be successful with the hiring. The college must face larger challenges associated with recruiting directors for programs in allied health.

In making this decision, faculty noted the following:

- High demand on the part of students
- High demand in the workforce, including the local workforce
- Ultrasound continues to be an important expertise, now starting from the time a paramedic interfaces with a patient
- Ultrasound technicians provide information directly to physicians and this information is used as-is in determining treatment of patients
- Projected growth in the field
- High wage earnings for students upon completion
- Pathway into a valuable career that is otherwise difficult to attain. Private colleges offering this training cost upward of \$50K per year. Foothill is almost the only (not for profit) institution offering this program
- Students in other Allied Health programs feed into the DMS program and therefore the loss of this program may negatively impact other Allied Health programs

BHS Division Curriculum Committee and Full BHS Division Approval: 5/20/2021