

## **T Steeb Notes from CODA Meeting February 10, 2023**

**Standard 3-5:** The faculty to student ratios must be sufficient to ensure the development of competence and ensure the health and safety of the public.

1. In preclinical and clinical sessions, the ratio must not exceed one (1) faculty to five (5) students.
2. In radiography laboratory sessions, the ratio must not exceed one (1) faculty to five (5) students.
3. In other dental sciences laboratory sessions, the ratio must not exceed one (1) faculty to 10 students.

- 17 states sent a letter to CODA requesting increasing student to instructor ratios based on ability to expand workforce. Discussion focused on:
  - CODA does not focus on workforce but educational standards
  - Conflicting views that increased ratios would address work force.
  - It was noted that programs would have the option to keep ratios as they are
  - Previous department chair pointed out that administrations would be looking at the cost savings to increase ratios
  - It was also pointed out that students would need to wait longer for instructor support on clinic.
- Results were to ask for more information and data to support request and possibly an AD-Hoc committee to investigate the need.

**Standard 2-14:** Graduates must be competent in providing dental hygiene care for all types of classifications of periodontal diseases including patients who exhibit moderate to severe periodontal disease.

- There was much discussion at the last meeting concerning a request for revision of this standard based on the ability of students to provide dental hygiene care for severe periodontal disease and limited availability of these patients. The commission recognizes that referral would demonstrate competence in providing dental hygiene care for a case that is beyond the scope of a hygienists' expertise.
- Result: The standard will not be revised.

**Standard 3-6** All dental hygiene program faculty members must have:

- a) current knowledge of the specific subjects they are teaching.

- Documentation of this is required in the new biosketch and CODA will be enforcing this at site visits.

## **Enrollment Increases**

- CODA Dental Hygiene has had 35 reports to increase students in programs. This is an increase of 310 students/year nationwide. There are 14 more programs that have contacted them with a potential for an additional 150 students nationwide.
- The request was for the committee to standardize the mechanism for enrollment increases.