

Report

TO: Council

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar

DATE: October 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Seneca College Advisory Meeting Report

The Seneca Advisory Committee met on May 29, 2017. Items discussed were as follows:

Refraction:

Seneca requested an update on expectations regarding refraction in Ontario and around NACOR's implementation of refraction into the core competencies requirements for the next round of program accreditation in 2021.

The COO indicated that if there was an appetite from the Ministry to change its stand on refraction that the College would certainly be ready to revisit the standards of practice at that time. It was reaffirmed that NACOR expected entry to practice refraction competencies to be integrated into the core curriculum by the next round of program re-accreditation.

Committee Membership:

Seneca indicated the difficulty in attracting industry members to the advisory panel. A challenge also faced by Georgian College.

Equipment:

Seneca indicated a need and desire to replace aging equipment however they felt challenged that they needed to remain with outdated equipment as they were under the impression that NACOR needed or required such equipment for the exams. The COO had already spoken to NACOR regarding this issue and was able to give assurance that NACOR would use whatever equipment was provided at the host site and that they supported the updating of equipment to keep up with changes in the profession.

CO-OP Program:

Co-op Coordinator, Loretta Gilbert reported that Seneca students were enjoying almost 100% placement success and that Seneca students were in high demand both with optician and optometry employers.

Respectfully submitted by,

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