

COMDIS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday April 11th, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:00

Location: WebEx:

<https://uww.webex.com/uww/j.php?MTID=m435224c3eb288ad9f45a239014926495>

Attendees: Hailey, Katie, Heather, Kaia, Pedro, Beth, Lynn, Mahwish

- Information items
 - [UWW COMDIS Department Web Page](#)
 - [Advisory Board Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- Program Updates
 - [College Course for High School Students](#)
 - [Online Post Bac Certificate](#)
 - Second degree option
 - Undergraduate summer clinic
 - [COMDIS Experiential Course Offering 4 Semester Sequence](#)
- Discussion
 - Current issues/trends in the field/employment
 - Students appear to need more guidance and are more hesitant to take on independent research/resources
 - Seeing more undergraduates for observations, but may be location/setting dependent
 - Staffing is always a challenge, with specialty areas offering a bit more challenge (ex. linguistics/aphasia)
 - UWW program continue to engage students in transparent discussions of career entry topics (contract negotiations, interviews, etc.)
 - Alumni Event
 - [COMDIS Alum Event Survey](#)
 - Prefer a networking/social that is more informal- making connections with individuals in other professional settings
 - Students & alumni
 - Offer a conference style event- professionals present, as well as professional development
 - Presentations on professional settings, “where are you now”
 - Avoid “icebreakers”
 - Family based activities
 - Use “family fest” model
 - “Back to School School” - early/mid August
 - Clinic rental

- Most likely SLPs near UWW would be interested in the option
- SLP session typically \$100 per hour- how might that impact clients ability to pay, the draw of our low cost clinical services
- Supportive of idea, more logistical details are needed
- Membership
 - Thank you for your three years of membership
 - Will be seeking nominations for next years advisory board via email
 - Commitment will be 1 hour web meeting in April each year
- Any additional items
 - Continue to offer training/experiences related to trauma informed care, collaborations with social work, interacting with CPS
 - Based on experiences supervising students, UWW has the best clinical practicum experiences both in quality and scope, maintain the hands-on, rich and varied clinical experiences
 - Consider “tracking” students who know they want to do medical based work, this may support student attainment of competitive medical CFs