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Council Highlights

From the 81st Meeting held Friday, September 25, 2015

The meeting began with the President of Council thanking Abena Buahene, former Registrar, for her contributions over the years and for moving the College forward in the right direction.

Documentation Revision Project

Leanne Worsfold, consultant for the CDO, reported on the progress of the documentation revision project being spearheaded by the Quality Assurance Committee. The presentation included an overview of the scope of the project, project plan, definitions for documentation and the retirement of current documents; Council approved the definitions and the list of Standards. It is anticipated that six new Standards will be presented to Council for approval, and for recommendation to hold a 60-day consultation period with stakeholders.

Proposed Changes to the CDO By-laws Consultation

The Interim Registrar and the College's legal counsel presented the proposed changes to the College's By-laws. These changes encompass the modifications required to implement the transparency initiative adopted by Council in December 2014. This includes new information that will be required to be reported and posted on the College Register.

The changes also included requirements for the draft registration regulation, fees for new classes, and requirements for liability insurance.

The consultation period for these by-laws began October 2, 2015 and ends November 29, 2015. The consultation is being compiled in [survey format](#) and hard copies will be made available (after the survey end date), by contacting the College directly.

Council established policy for making changes to College By-laws – The Executive Committee will act as the By-law and Legislation Committee responsible for researching, reviewing and recommending any changes to Council.

Changes to the Qualifying Examination Format

In summer 2014 the College moved away from the traditional form of testing a candidates' readiness for entry to practice to an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The clinical component used the National Competency Profile (NCP) as the examination blueprint.

The final step in moving towards a competency based assessment was to align the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) examination to the NCP supplemented by the Essential Competencies for Denturism Practice in Ontario, 2015. This will in turn enhance the defensibility of the qualifying examination.

The MCQ component currently consists of 300 items administered in two, three hour session. The Qualifying Examination Committee (QEC) recommended the number of items be reduced from 300 to 250 which Council approved. The reduction of examination items from 300 to 250 reflects the fact that items written to competencies will not only be more relevant to actual practice but their nature will require additional time for candidates to complete. Moreover these types of items better achieve the goal of grounding the examination in professional judgment.