

**Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician Program
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 27, 2010
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Room 1520

- I. Welcome and Introductions Tom Ferguson
Attendees: Tom Ferguson, Dontay Martin, Mike Just, Kyle Wagner, John Snethen, Dee McKasson, Joe Young, Kirby Shelton, Jody Wemhaner, Jennifer Ball, Steve Rutledge, Scott Wheelock, Vanessa Young and Ginger Widmann.

- II. Review Committee Roster Tom Ferguson
Please check roster for any changes.

- III. Class Update Joe Young
We have 18 students. Nine orthotics and nine prosthetics. Three new students are coming in August.

- IV. Clinical Update Joe Young
Six to eight students will be ready for clinicals in the next four months.

- V. Follow Up Reports Joe Young
Eleven total graduates were contacted. 82% have positive placements.

- VI. New Bench Alignment Procedures Dr. Wu All
Handout. Joe asked everyone to look at the handout and see if this would correlation to what's on the certification exam. Kirby Shelton stated that it is important to have curriculum match exam. Majority of Board had not see Dr. Wu's technique.

- VII. Practitioner Program Update Joe Young
Joe talked to members of the committee about the possibility of partnering with OU to start a Master's program. Jody told the members that this was VERY preliminary. We would join OU in a "Facility Agreement". NCOPE is telling us that universities are more interested in Master level programs. The program would add two more instructors and a full time lab tech. We would be using current space (see map) and a new area dedicated to the practioner program. Kirby asked about numbers of students being produced by universities and if they could meet the demands of the industry. Kyle Wagner was interested in the Grandfather of current practioners. Jennifer Ball spoke on her experience with increased entry level requirements. He would like to see students "job ready" when leaving FT.

- VIII. Elect New Chair and Vice Chair All
Tom Ferguson will serve as Chair and Vanessa Young will be Vice Chair.
- IX. Fall Advisory Committee Meeting All
Fall Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2010.
- X. Dinner All
- XI. Member Photos All
Dee took photos of committee members to hang on the wall in the classroom.
- XII. Adjourn Tom Ferguson
Meeting adjourned at 5:00.