

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

**Rockwell Campus Center, Room #1520
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

I. Welcome and Introductions **Ben Lawson**

Attendees: Troy Scott, Jennifer Ball, Ben Lawson, Terry Brown, Kirby Shelton, Joel Schulz, Tom Ferguson, Linda Noland, Jody Wemhaner, Linda Lindsey, Joe Young, Dee McKasson and Ginger Widmann.

Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

II. Review Committee Roster **Ben Lawson**

Joe requested that everyone look at the Committee Roster to see if information was correct.

III. Class Update **Joe Young**

We presently have six Orthotics students, seven Prosthetic students and two in clinicals. Six information packets have been sent out. Two new students will be starting soon.

IV. Clinical Update **Joe Young**

We have two new clinical sites: OrthoCare in Norman and Abilities Unlimited in Colorado Springs.

V. Student Recruitment Strategies **Joe Young & Committee Members**

FT will be putting on a big marketing strategy this year. Joe will be attending career fairs and talking with prospective students. Joe is contacting high school counselors every week. Fall Marketing meeting will be held December 5th. Jody told the committee that FT is hiring career counselors at each high school. Joe is still working on pamphlets for clinical sites.

VI. Input on courses/equipment **Dee McKasson & Committee Members**

- We have added some new equipment: Powder coating two speed Troutman, Two part Silicone Injection, Prepeg Lamination, and Carbon Fiber equipment.
- Dee showed a booklet called Common Sense – Principals for Financial Independence that will be introduced to the class. Joe will be doing a PowerPoint presentation. Jody asked if it was still being published. Dee said he would check into it but didn't think so. This will help students to learn about financial management.
- Joel asked if graduating students are going into central fab. Joe said no but wants to add this to the curriculum. Kirby said that Hanger has a central fab.
- Terry said the students need more computer knowledge.
- Joe wants to add urethane mold to the curriculum but it was about \$100 per small mold. Joel asked if anyone was doing cornstarch mold.
- Jody advised the committee if we need to add anything to please let us know. We are getting ready for a large campus facility expansion program in the next three years.
- Terry said that the use of a drawing software program would be beneficial.

- Kirby said that Hanger is putting together a position for someone with experience.

VII. Trulife Fitters Partnership Update **Joe Young**
March 30 – April 3, 2009

We will be trying to go to an on-line format with video lectures and the students will then come here for a bootcamp.

VIII. NCOPE New Technician Standards **Joe Young**

Handout. There are minimum standards that we need to go by. Will define and delineate the technician education, more specific requirements for curriculum, conference call in June discussed plan of work and scope of practice. There will be a technician meeting in January to work on standards.

IX. FT Expansion Plans – Rockwell 2010 **Jody Wemhaner**

- A Rockwell campus map was passed out. Jody explained the building project. HSC expansion is in Phase 3. HSC will have approximately 25,000 square feet additional space. A taskforce is in place to see how we can utilize this space. FT expansion will be a \$37M project.
- We are investigating Med Lab Tech program (MLT). There is a gap of 14% of available MLT's employment techs in Oklahoma. In the future, technicians will not be able to get a job unless they have a certificate. Deaconess came to us and asked us to put in a Lab Tech program.
- Polysomnography tech (sleep lab) is another program we are looking into offering at FT.

X. Advisory Committee Information

A new form was distributed. Jody asked the members of the committee to fill out the questionnaire for Jane Vaughn.

Meeting adjourned 4:30.