

**OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
2/23/2010**

Present: Jennifer Ball
Jennifer Dodson
Greg Gardner
Brenda Breeding
Renee Thomas
Peggy Newman
Darcey Riemer
Amber Searle

Carrie Doerksen
Allie Klinger
Vicky Davidson
Amy Laizure
Olivia Feagins
Lynn Jeffries
Gloria Grogan

I. Welcome

Olivia Feagin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2009

Jennifer provided minutes of the previous meeting for the members. Olivia asked if there were any additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. Health Professions Division Update – Dr. Jo Ann Cobble

Dr. Cobble was absent from the advisory meeting but provided a brief division update which Jennifer presented.

1. There are over 2200 enrollments in the Division this semester.
2. The college has supported us well in getting some of the final issues with our new building settled. The front sidewalk has been replaced and no water entered the building during the rain this weekend.
3. The College provided common area furniture in our new building for students. The majority of the new furniture delivery occurred on January 25th. Students seem pleased and are using it often!

IV. College Update – Mr. Greg Gardner

Greg Gardner informed the members that college is going to start groundbreaking hopefully in the fall for their new 1000 seat auditorium in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. It is about a \$16million project and almost \$14million has been raised. Since they do lack about \$2 million, they are still welcoming donations if anyone is interested.

He stated that spring enrollment is right at 15000 students. Last semester we had about 14000 students. Of the fall cohort, the college's persistence rate in the spring is 60%. This is up from a low of 52%. Of the Fall 2009 full-time students, OCCC retained about 70%. Part-time was about 49%. Greg commented that the lower part-time rate is expected since they may have completed what they wanted to complete and have gotten jobs. This is not a bad thing as long as OCCC has met their needs.

Greg discussed the Success in College Life class which is a course designed to make students successful at OCCC. He commented that they want students to take this their first semester at OCCC. Of the 89.8% of students who finish the class, 90% persist into the next semester. If they just enroll in the class, they persist at 69%.

Another area of success in relation to persistence is the OKC-GO students. They persisted into the spring at 77.3%. OKC-GO students are those who have graduated from an Oklahoma City Public School or Western Heights. They are funded with tuition waivers to attend OCCC. The college is very proud of these numbers and has worked very hard to achieve them.

This is the 3rd year of the Achieving the Dream program and we have started to focus on persistence. Even though we know we can grow, as we've seen in the past few semesters, we know we really can increase the size of our institution by just by retaining more students.

Dr. Aquino is currently in Columbia working with a school that wants us to partner with them as a sister-school relationship to see how we can assist them with their technology. They invited us and are funding his trip. This is an effort to expand and broaden our opportunities. OCCC also has a faculty member who just got back from visit in Mexico. In a few weeks, we are going to be hosting a group from Mexico to show them our institution and what we do. Dr. Aquino was very instrumental in helping to set that up. In June, Dr. Aquino will be gone to Mexico with the Fulbright Association to a different institution to see how we can assist and work together. OCCC is really trying to expand opportunity for our students in a global education format and how we can make better our own understanding of other institutions in other countries.

V. Program Update

Jennifer presented the pass rates for previous classes.

-Class of 2008

The class of 2008 had a 60% first time pass rate and an 87% ultimate pass rate. This was the low point for the program. The program was undergoing many changes that particular year. Two students, one is an ESL student and the other had serious family issues, have not passed. These are only students in the history of the program that have not passed the exam.

-Class of 2009

The class of 2009, which would be students who graduated last May, had an 87% first time pass rate and a 95% ultimate pass rate. Three students did not pass first time and one has not passed yet.

-Class of 2010

Vicky stated that class of 2010 is currently attending clinicals and doing well. They are into their fourth of seven weeks in the clinic setting. Vicky stated that she has added an online component to the course. Students can complete reflection assignments on Angel and students can see each others assignments.

Renee Thomas, a current student, stated that it was nice to have the online component. It helped each student to be able to see what the others were experiencing in the clinic setting. Renee also informed the group that the PTA pinning ceremony would be on May 8th at Moore-Norman Technology Center at 1:00pm. Samantha Klepper, PTA adjunct instructor, will be the guest speaker.

Jennifer commented that the class of 2010 also takes a practice exam to aide in preparing them for the national exam. This was implemented in response to the Class of 2008 exam scores. This class also attended the Scott Giles' course and obtained a lot of study material for the exam. In the fall, they made a study guide and took an exam. This semester they will also take another exam and write a reflection on how the studying is progressing. In May, they will take a comprehensive final that will be purchased from Scott Giles' Scorebuilders Company.

VI. Program Changes

a. Curriculum

- i. Jennifer announced that they have changed their curriculum so that the students can complete all their modalities prior to going to clinicals.
- ii. Vicky introduced the idea of making membership in the PTA professional organization a requirement but introducing it as a textbook.

b. Assessment

- i. Jennifer stated that CAPTE approved our new assessment piece and we have implemented it. We are working on assessing professional behaviors, clinical education and ACCE. Jennifer stated that she taught Anatomy for the first time by herself during the January Intersession. One recommendation from students was that we provide more specimens for them to use. We also had a student instructor this year which was new. He was available in the biology lab and several students participated.

c. Grading Scale

- i. Jennifer stated that they have changed their grading scale. 74-79% is now a C. There were no issues with that during the fall semester or intersession.

d. Comprehensive Examination

- i. Jennifer stated that the new comprehensive exam will be administered in March. Students will have two attempts within 30 days to pass it. This is the Scott Giles' Scorebuilders exam. Vicky brought up professional behaviors and how we evaluate those characteristics. She stated that, in the past, she has been uneasy about sending a student out to clinicals based on their behavior or characteristics displayed in class. Greg mentioned that we must characterize this as professionalism. He stated that in Academic Affairs, we do not discipline behaviors. Student Services at OCCC disciplines behavioral issues. It should be identified as professional characteristics that are important to their success.

VII. CAPTE Progress Report: Instructor Credentials

- a. Jennifer noted the progress report focused on instructor credentials. She stated that the report and supporting documentation adequately meets issues that were raised. It will be mailed today! CAPTE did vote to continue accreditation but they did want to address those credentials.

VIII. Questions/Announcements

- a. Appointments for 2010-2011
 - i. Jennifer passed around the appointments for the next year. She asked that members note any changes in their address or work information. She also asked to note if someone would like to be chair.
- b. Jennifer announced that they are doing the CI credentialing course here at OCCC in April. Registration and fees are due by March 12th.
- c. Next meeting: September 28, 2010 in the Oklahoma Room at 8:30am

Adjourned at 9:40am