

**OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
9/28/2010**

Present:	Jennifer Ball	Felix Aquino
	Jennifer Dodson	Allie Klinger
	Greg Gardner	Vicky Davidson
	Justin Smith	Frank Balch
	Olivia Feagins	Amy Laizure
	Peggy Newman	Lynn Jeffries
	Darcey Riemer	Gloria Grogan
	Amber Searle	

**I. Welcome**

Olivia Feagins called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2010**

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. Discuss appointments for members (1 year terms expire this fall)**

Jennifer informed the committee that more members from a rehab setting were needed. If anyone has suggestions for new members, she will gladly contact them.

**IV. Health Professions Division Update – Dr. Jo Ann Cobble**

Dr. Cobble was absent from the division meeting therefore Greg Gardner provided the division update.

- a. Enrollment for the Division is steady for the fall semester.
- b. The Division has a new Human Patient Simulator coming in the spring semester. This will make 2 simulators for the Division.
- c. Dr. Cobble will be retiring on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gardner will be the interim dean until a replacement is hired. They will be advertising soon for this position.

**V. College Update – Dr. Felix Aquino**

Dr. Aquino announced that enrollment for the college is steady. The college has seen a 5% increase in enrollment and is essentially at capacity. Dr. Aquino stated that as we look to the future for OCCC, if State Question 744 is passed there would likely be a \$2.4million funding cut for OCCC. He also announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new VPAC theater will be in November with completion in January 2013. It will seat about 1000 and

the College is very excited to see this happen. The College has moved the adult education programs and is in the process of moving the child development center to the new Family and Community Education (FACE) center which was formerly the John Glenn Elementary School. Human Resources and Finances will eventually move back to campus once construction and modifications are complete at the location of the former child development area.

## **VI. 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 a 93% ultimate pass rate. This was the low point for the program. The program was undergoing many changes that particular year. One student, an ESL student has not passed. This is the only student in the history of the program that has not passed the exam. She has taken it one time.

### **-Class of 2009**

The class of 2009 had an 85% first time pass rate and a 100% ultimate pass rate. Three students did not pass first time. This is particular year was the first year the program implemented the Scorebuilder testing option.

### **-Class of 2010**

The class of 2010, who graduated this past May, had a first time pass rate of 85%. Two students have not taken the exam yet. This class had 22 students in it.

### **-Class of 2011**

This class has 23 students in it and they are in their final academic semester of the program.

### **-Class of 2012**

We had 92 applicants this year with 22 accepting the invitation to the program. 2 students did drop out of the program late so they were not able to contact other applicants to fill their positions.

### **-CAPTE Accreditation**

The Assessment Progress Report was accepted by CAPTE and the program is moving forward.

### **-Faculty News**

Jennifer has been selected as a CAPTE onsite surveyor. She is looking forward to this opportunity. Dr. Samantha Klepper is continuing to teach the

Dynamics course for the program. New adjunct, Alisa Cole, MPT is now teaching the LifeSpan class. She will be finishing her tDPT in December. The students in her class have just finished 9 hours of observation in pediatrics. New lab assistants are Ben Hearne, PTA, Justin Smith, PTA, Amber Searle, PTA, and Emily Travis-Johnson, PTA.

#### **-Essential Functions of PTA Student**

Jennifer informed the committee that they are adding this list to the prospective student letter. This is to make prospective students aware from the very beginning of their interest in the program of what is required to be able to complete clinicals. Jennifer welcomed any input from the committee regarding the listed functions as presented.

### **VII. Curriculum Review/Discussion**

Jennifer informed the committee that the Curriculum Committee Meeting is in November. The PTA program requested to delete Mathematics from the course pattern. It was approved by Tamara Carter who is the director of mathematics. The change is mainly due to the fact that no math course exists on campus that meets the PTA programs unique needs. Since Admissions requires an exam for math competency, the students have already either demonstrated competency or been placed in the appropriate developmental sequence. Jennifer also added that achieving math competency will be a prerequisite to apply to the PTA program. With the additional 3 hours, the students will be required to take either a communication course, public speaking course, or culture course.

Jennifer stated that the program has added a final comprehensive examination to current curriculum. Each class will need to pass the exam prior to becoming eligible to take the licensure examination. Of those that took the exam this past year, 2 of the 3 who failed the licensure exam would have failed the comprehensive exam as well. This was the last year of the two-year pilot study to determine if the pass rates would be achievable.

Jennifer reminded the committee that the grading scale was changed last year. No student has failed this past semester due to that change.

### **VIII. New Curriculum Proposal**

Jennifer informed the group that they are in the process of combining PSY 2403 and PTA 1202 into one course with both sets of course objectives.

Jennifer also informed everyone that they are developing a new PTA course that allows students to gain more insight into acute care and pediatric topics as well as additional topics as needed. The plan is for a “seminar style” course with topics that change every 4 weeks in a 16-week semester. This

will allow the instructors to integrate topics such as pharmacology, lab values, and caring for the critically ill patient along with related skills (acute care). They can also incorporate pediatric handling techniques , communication skills (both parent and child), and specific concerns that relate to the pediatric setting related to billing, documentation etc. Jennifer stated that she and Vicky will begin working on an outline of topics/course objectives and hope to apply for a faculty development grant.

**IX. Questions/Announcements**

a. PT Month Activity

- i. Jennifer informed everyone that to celebrate PT Month, the PTA student club is hosting a Multi-format ZUMBathon in the Recreation and Fitness area on Friday, October 8 from 6:00-8:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 for early bird registration which is through Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and \$20.00 at the door. The purpose of this event to raise awareness about fighting obesity. All proceeds will go to support OCCC PTA Program and breast cancer research.

b. APTA Clinical Instructor Credentialing

- i. Jennifer announced that she and Vicky would present the Clinical Instructor course on Friday and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Poteau, OK at Carl Albert State College.

c. Clinical Instructor Meeting

- i. The next clinical instructor meeting will be Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Clinical Performance Instrument will be going to an online format. This meet will include training for that as well as CEU's. A reception will follow which will be hosted by the Class of 2011 PTA students.

d. Peggy Newman complimented the PTA students on their excellent participation in the 2010 Buddy Walk.

e. Next meeting: February 22, 2011 in the Oklahoma Room at 8:30am

Adjourned at 9:30am