

**Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Orthotics and Prosthetics Technician Program
Advisory Committee Meeting**

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Attendees: Leslie Roberts, Tom Ferguson, Kirby Shelton, Johanna Sanchez, Jody Wemhaner, Joe Young, Dee McKasson, and Ginger Widmann-Findley

Welcome & Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Kirby Shelton, Chairperson. One new member, Johanna Sanchez was introduced by Joe Young.

Program Overview:

A. Class Update – Joe Young

Enrollment: There are several new students enrolled in Orthotics this year. Three new students will be starting in February. Eight-five packets will be sent out to interested students from Putnam City and Putnam City West Career Fairs.

Group Projects: Two times per semester students are involved in a group project. Students who have been in the class the longest help the newer students. Johanna Sanchez provided a Powerpoint presentation that her group put together and explained their project.

B. Follow Up Report – Joe Young

Joe reported that there are a lot of motivated students in the program now. Most students have some college to help them get their degree completed. Most students who have graduated have a job.

C. ABC Exam – Joe Young

ABC is working on providing the schools with better data next year. The students usually take two or three times before passing.

D. 2006 Self Study Process – Joe Young

A summary report is provided that specifies the program's strengths and weaknesses. It also includes the actions taken since the last visit.

E. Program Marketing Update – Joe Young

Recruitment & Enrollment Challenges: We are working with Marketing Department to develop an ongoing marketing plan. Kirby asked if it was linked with the ABC website and the Project Quantum Leap project (Academy website)? Joe stated the technician program directors are trying to get changes made to the Academy website that add the “technician” level programs.

Kirby asked about the competition in the state of Oklahoma. The other program has not been accredited yet. They have their own clinic to serve clients. Discussion followed regarding having two programs within the state.

Update on Marketing Activities: Operation Purple Duck in October set up booths at Tech Fairs with a lot of interested students. In November/December, there is supposed to be an article in the Daily Oklahoman. In January, there will be more Career Fairs in Edmond.

F. Announcement - Jody Wemhaner

Jody told the Advisory Committee members about our new Bioscience & Medicine Academy for high school students. Some courses will be Pre-AP Math and Science. It will be project based/hands-on. We will start with 70 students and in three years will have approximately 140 students. Kirby asked how it was funded. Jody said that it was funded by Francis Tuttle (there are no grants).

G. Gift of Learning for Advisory Partners – Joe Young

A postcard was provided that is a gift of a one-year subscription to more than 1,250 online courses through Francis Tuttle for our advisory partners. This is a token of thanks to our advisory partners for their support of our students and program!

Advisory Committee Feedback: Jody asked that our advisory partners provide the faculty with any updates from industry—any new technology or methods in the field. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: Kirby Shelton adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Ginger Widmann-Findley, Recorder