

OTA Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 12/13/07
1H3 (HTC) 8:15am

Present:

Anita Miller
Gail Piraino
Jane Ford
Debby Martinez
Tom Kraft
Charlotte Donaho
Reeca Young
Fonda Scott

Welcome & Introductions

Tom Kraft called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting (6/28/07)

Minutes from the last meetings were passed out for the committee members to review. Due to the length of the minutes, Tom asked that they review them and approval would be at the next meeting.

Program Update

- **Curriculum Revision**
 - **Brief summary of OCCC Curriculum Committee action**

The program has been working on a revision of the curriculum to be compliant with the AOTA's new educational standards that will be effective as of January 1st. When changes had occurred for accreditation in the past the program would just absorb them into existing courses so there has been no specific course changes to the curriculum in twenty years. They decided it was time to change so the last 18 months has been dedicated to the review and changes to the curriculum. The degree is going from 62 to 63 credits to 72-73 credit hours for the program.

The curriculum change proposal was presented to the College's Curriculum Committee and it was

unanimously approved. The changes will come into affect this coming Fall 2008. Part of the proposal was to begin a second entry in the spring with the same pattern called flex track which would stretch into a slower offering pace. This pace will allow the fulltime student and flex track student to come together in certain classes after the first year. This will also be more accommodating to the students, allowing for changes in a person schedule from fulltime to flex track if life changes happened.

○ **Approved courses and sequencing – Handouts**

▪ **Courses.**

A handout was provided and Tom explained the new changes to the curriculum compared to the current program.

▪ **Sequencing**

The sequence of the new classes which were incorporated the new curriculum was discussed.

▪ **Credit Hours**

The program is going from 62 to 63 credits moving to 72-73 credit hours for the program. This will make the program equivalent in credit hours to the nursing program. Four of the new credit hours are the requirement now of A&P II since part of the new standards needed for the program is taught in that class. Six additional credit hours of OT coursework are also being applied to the program.

▪ **Admission numbers**

There are normally 50 students that apply for the 20 vacancies. Even without advertisement even the college and the program is still growing. There are no pre-requisites for the degree just the basic application admittance. When the flex track begins, we will be accepting 18 instead of 23 now since there will then be a total of 36 new students accepted into the program per year.

- **Full Time track**

The handout showed that in Fall 2008 the new curriculum will begin for the full time track. The handout outlined each of the tracks until the year 2013 with many courses being taught in the same classroom for each

Flex-Track

The Flex Track will begin in the Spring 2009. In Fall 2011 there will be graduates in May and December with each track graduating 18 students.

Other

There was a question about the opportunity to present the OT Program in the high schools and Fonda Scott responded that they have done so in the past and Reeca also had the opportunity this last summer to present at Edmond Schools.

- **Request for third full time faculty person**

Tom attended the meeting with Academic Affairs yesterday concerning the new full time faculty for OTA Program.

It has been officially requested but is pending.

New Building (Health Professions Education Center)

Tom hand the blueprint of the new building and let the group look at it and explained some of the hi-lights of the new facility.

Other Items

Tentative Next Meeting Date

- **Late Spring 2008 – TBA**

The spring meeting will be sometime after spring break and notification will be sent.

Adjourn

Tom adjourned the meeting.