

OTA Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes 1/12/09

OTA 103 (HPC) 4:30PM

Present:

- Gail Pirano, Career Staff**
- Jane Ford, Jim Thorpe Rehab**
- Karen Wiechman, CNP Schools**
- Donna Weaters, Holistic**
- Sharon Sanderson, OU Retired**
- Melanie McFarland, OCFD**
- Fonda Scott, OCCC**
- Charlotte Donaho, Epworth Villa Life Care**
- Anita Miller, Samaritan**
- Reeca Young, OCCC**
- Tom Kraft, OCCC**
- Kendra, Reliant Rehab**
- Debby Martinez, OCCC**

Welcome & Introductions

Tom Kraft called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes of last meeting (12/13/08)

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sharon Sanderson to accept the minutes and Gail Pirano seconded it. The motion was passed.

Program Update

- **Review of Fall semester – Initiation of revised curriculum (handout)**
 - **Historical and Contemporary Foundations**
 - **Application of Leisure Occupations**
 - **Human conditions Impacting Occupation**

Tom provided handouts of the revised curriculum and course descriptions. Reeca Young and Fonda Scott described the changes and gave an overview of each class. There were several new texts involved with the new courses. The new textbooks were passed around for the members to inspect.

- **Student numbers**

- **Third semester (phase-out curriculum) 17 complete out of 17**
- **First semester (revised curriculum) 21 complete out of 23**
 - **2 withdraw (personal/family) and will return Fall '09**

The two students that withdrew will retain their place in Fall '09. There are 38 active students in the OTA Program. A graduate from years prior had let her license expire so the state allowed her to do CEU's or retest. She had opted to test so to prepare she is auditing four of the classes.

- **Spring semester courses (revised curriculum)**

- **Performance in Activities of daily Living**
- **Movement and Therapeutic Interventions**
- **Occupational Performances – Birth through Adolescence**
- **Group dynamics**

The revisions of the courses were explained. The OTA Program will be year round now which will include summer classes.

- **New Items**

- **Smart Board**

Tom showed the members the new Smart Board that was purchased for OTA through Carl Perkins. Tom explained some of the functions and capabilities of the new equipment.

- **Deluxe Vestibulator**

The OTA Program has just received a new Deluxe Vestibulator which is a relaxation unit swing set with a mattress underneath. This type of equipment is used in several of the rehabilitation centers.

- **New Building**

- **Tour/Discussion**

Tom led the members on a tour of the new facility.

- **Thoughts for the future**

Tom asked the group to come up with a vision to utilize the additional space in the new building. He told them that we are only limited by our thoughts.

- **Other**

A handout on Ethical Practice along with another handout outlining the OTA Student Behavioral Expectations was distributed. These had been created so the students and Clinical Instructors would know what was required of them in the classroom and clinical setting.

Other Items

The curriculum and specifics on the Flex program were discussed. Tom is looking at additional funding for adjuncts for the expanding program. They will initiate this in Spring 2009 which will give the program time to advertise.

With the changes in the program they are looking at changing the day and times of some of the classes. The use of the online components for the classes was also discussed.

Tentative Next Meeting Date

- **Late spring 2009 – TBA**

The next meeting will be scheduled in May or June.

Meeting was Adjourned at 6:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Debby Martinez