

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
2/26/08

ATTENDANCE:

Olivia Feagins
Allie Klinger
Caleb Peebles
Brenda Breeding
Lynn Jeffries
Jo Ann Cobble
Felix Aquino
Jennifer Ball
Vicky Davidson
Gloria Grogan
Chris Kenney

I. Welcome & Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and Olivia Feagins called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes September 25, 2007

Copies of the minutes were distributed to those that did not receive them in the mailing. Lynn Jeffries made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Caleb Peebles seconded it.

III. College Update
-Felix Aquino/Brenda Harrison

Dr. Aquino informed the members that the new program Achieving the Dream was completing the first year of the five year plan and was now in the data analysis stage. It has been a very positive factor. They are

looking at advisement and tutoring to also help with the success of the student.

In this process they have found that most students that are eligible for financial aid do not apply for it and there is money left on the table.

Dr. Aquino shared with the group that the new building is on pace and on schedule. The opening should be in July or August with classes beginning in the Spring 2008. The space that it will create for the division is immense.

The budget was discussed and Dr. Aquino said that even though the budget does not look good at this point they are still filling the replacement positions and looking at new positions to be added.

The college had just reviewed a new EON Reality 3D special Technology teaching tool and they have acquired starter kits. They are working on the content now.

IV. Division Update

-Jo Ann Cobble

-Health Professions Building plans

Jo Ann Cobble told the group that there should be an Open House for the new building hopefully in July but it may be August and she invited them to attend. The office and lab furnishings have not been approved yet but should be soon since they will need the offices staffed before they can allow students to occupy the rooms.

Jo Ann shared that while Jennifer and Vicky were at conference they had found specialty tables for the PTA lecture room that would allow for practice as well. Vicky explained that the tables doubled as therapy tables and the top mats could be stacked in the corner to allow more room when they were finished with them.

Jo Ann also shared the concern that congress was trying to halt the Carl Perkins grant which provides funding for equipment in all health division programs and the advisory members should be active and contact their representatives to show support for this program. The grant provides so much extra equipment for the programs at the College and nationwide.

V. Program Update

-Class of 2007

Jennifer Ball reported that 16 out of 17 of the May 2007 graduates had passed on the first attempt and one had attempted three times and had not passed yet. One of two December grads has passed, the other has not scheduled the exam yet. This puts the programs pass rate at 94.4%

-Class of 2008

Vicky Davidson reported that the Class of 2008 which consists of 16 had completed their first rotation. Vicky had visited the sites and they are doing very well.

Vicky shared that she had presented the Clinical Instructor of the year, Steve Downham's certificate at his job with the staff present. This was such a positive experience for the recipient and the program that they will continue with this process in the future.

The pinning for the current graduates will be on Saturday, May 10th at 2pm in the Theater. Everyone is invited to attend.

-Class of 2009

There are 20 students in this class and there have been no issues with academic retention and this is the first time for this.

-CAPTE site visit planned April 6-9, 2008

The Advisory Committee interviews will be on Tuesday, April 8 from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the Oklahoma Room. Jennifer asked that all present that would be able to attend to please notate so on the sign in sheet.

Jo Ann complimented Jennifer and Vicky on the wonderful job they had done in preparing for the upcoming visit.

-Program Brochure: Please vote to accept or change

Jennifer passed out the new brochures for the PTA Program for the members to critique. The first revision would be to have the front lightened so they could see the wording and artwork better. Then there was a suggestion to not have an actual picture of faculty in

case of change. Then the second paragraph was to be changed from assistant to the plural assistants. The members voted to accept the brochure after the mentioned changes had occurred.

-Website Demonstration: Please give feedback

Jennifer presented the new Website. The website makes the information available not only to the students and prospective students but is beneficial to the Clinical Instructors too. Jennifer asked if there was anyone that would email her permission to list their employers. It was suggested that the Advisory Board members and information be put on the webpage. The use of power points to teach CEU's from the webpage was discussed also with possible use of Web X feature which is a live feed for instruction.

VI. Curriculum Review/Discussion

-2007 Normative Model of PTA Education

A review of current content occurred in November to look at what would be added with new Normative Model.

-NPTE Content

Olivia was the only one present that was on the sub committee for the review and she commented that although there was a lot of material overall it was acceptable and thorough.

-Current Practice

Jennifer and Vicky had discussed some changes in the curriculum in the future and they shared some of the changes but would not try to go forward with them until the site visit was complete and further feedback obtained.

VII. Assessment Procedures

-Skills Check Procedures/Critical Thinking form to assess students' knowledge of PT evaluation and care plan

Vicky passed out handouts regarding Skills Check Procedure and a Critical Thinking form for the members to review. If the student does not pass these they do not progress to the next level. Vicky talked about providing the students with a check sheet with questions to be filled out by the student to give insight with the experience to help future classes. Caleb Peebles a graduating student said that would be very helpful. This would help better prepare students and alleviate some apprehension and give them more confidence.

-Professionalism/Generic Abilities: suggestions/feedback

Vicky showed how they implemented a new learning experience for clinical education in which Generic Abilities are being addressed by having the students reflect on their critical incidence mistakes in the clinical settings. This is something that will be beneficial to future students also.

VII. Questions/Announcements/Set next meeting date (We hope everyone will participate in the onsite review-please RSVP yes or no to Jennifer at JBall@occc.edu by March 7 so we will know how many will be in attendance.)

Next meeting: September 30, 2008 8:30am

Will try to schedule in the Oklahoma Room again possibly may move to the new building if ready.

VIII. New Business

Olivia Feagins brought to the members' attention that it was time to elect the chair. Olivia volunteered to hold that office again and it was approved.

Olivia thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.