

Physical Therapist Assistant Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 24, 2006

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## **ATTENDANCE**

Brenda Breeding, Professor of Biology - OCCC  
JoAnn Cobble, Dean – Division of Health Professions – OCCC  
Michelle Dershem, PTA – Edmond Specialty Hospital  
Lynn Jeffries, PT, PhD, PCS – Clinical Assistant Professor, OUHSC  
Peggy Newman, PT – Director/Professor - OCCC  
Randy Titony, PTA – Pro Motion Physical Therapy  
Olivia Feagins, PT – Jim Thorpe  
Vicky Davidson, PT – Professor – OCCC  
Beverly Hall, PTA – J.D. McCarty

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Peggy Newman and Olivia Feagins, Chair, welcomed committee members. Introductions were made and members were thanked for coming. The meeting was called to order.

A motion to accept minutes from September 20, 2005 was made and approved as written.

## **COLLEGE UPDATE**

OCCC's health professions facility will soon be expanding to accommodate the College's 33 percent enrollment increase. College officials said in the fall of 2000, there were 400 students enrolled in health professions division courses. By the fall of 2005, there were over 1,200. The burgeoning enrollment mirrors the demand in the health care industry.

The College's Board of Regents recently approved preliminary plans for the Health Professions Education Center project. The construction will add 42,879 square feet to the existing complex allowing all health programs to be housed in the same area: Emergency Medical Sciences (EMS), Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA), Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) and Nursing. The students will now be able to work as a team when learning patient health care and how one area of allied health affects another.

The \$6.6 million facility will have two floors. New labs for EMS, OTA and PTA will increase the ability of all programs to provide appropriate space for equipment, mannequins and skills practice. The labs are adjacent to the classrooms, but can be separated so that multiple classes can use the rooms at one time.

The new Activities of Daily Living space will allow students from all programs to simulate providing care within the "home" environment.

Two lecture style classrooms with a seating capacity of 66 each will be on the upper floor. The classrooms may be used separately or combined to seat large groups.

Construction will begin in August. The estimated completion date is January 2008.

Paul Sechrist has been named President of Oklahoma City Community College.

## **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Shelly Tevis gave an update regarding a seven year, nationwide, Investigative Background Report that all students are now required to have on file. Brenda Breeding suggested the earlier we can notify students of this requirement, the better.

### **Clinical Education**

- *Class of 2005* – Have only anecdotal information relating to licensure at this time. That one student did pass on the first attempt but did not on the second attempt. All grads are working in PTA.
- *Class of 2006* – Seventeen students began clinical on 1-23-06.
- *Class of 2007* – Twenty one students currently with a wide variety of personalities. This is the first group required to take Clinical Anatomy.

Outcome Assessment Report for the Academic Division of Health Professions was distributed. Peggy gave an overview of Terminal Competencies, Student Learning Outcomes/Direct Measures, Indirect Measures, Evaluations, Results, and Recommendations.

## **CURRICULUM REVIEW - PROFESSIONALISM**

An article from the New England Journal of Medicine, December 22, 2005 issue, regarding a study on professionalism in medical education was dispersed. The committee discussed professionalism in the medical community as a whole.

Lippincott Williams & Wilkins – Teaching Tips of the Month was also distributed. Group discussed different characteristics of professionalism and strategies for teaching students what it means to be professional and what that image portrays to others both in and outside the medical community.

Clinical Skills List – Faculty explaining ways to use this during check outs.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER**

- Normative Model – Awaiting second draft from APTA following comments collect by stakeholders.

- Committee members voted unanimously to meet two times per year instead of three with the stipulation that if something serious arises, the group can be contacted either by email or phone.
  
- Lynn Jeffries announced OPTA meeting dates:  
Spring – March 31 – April 2, 2006  
Fall – September 15 – 17, 2006

Peggy Newman and Olivia Feagins thanked all for coming, for their input, and for their continued support.

*Meeting adjourned 10:30am*

**Next meeting will be September 26, 2006 at 8:30am**