

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OKLAHOMA ROOM
NOVEMBER 28, 2006-8:30 AM

ATTENDANCE

Brenda Breeding, Professor of Biology - OCCC
JoAnn Cobble, Dean – Division of Health Professions – OCCC
Michelle Dershem, PTA – Edmond Specialty Hospital
Olivia Feagins, PT – Jim Thorpe
Vicky Davidson, PT – Acting Director/Professor – OCCC
Allie Klinger, PTA – Providence Home Health
Carrie Doerksen, PT
Jody Mowery, PTA
Christianna Penn DeStephano, PTA – Deaconess Rehabilitation Center
Debbie Christian, PT – Physical Performance Center
Chris Kenney, PT – Integris Baptist Hospital

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. Review minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting will be available with these minutes at the next meeting.

3. College update

The interviews for the Vice President position at OCCC are still ongoing.

Copies of the advisory committee administrative policies were distributed. There were some changes made several years ago and the divisions have not been in full compliance. The committee members of the program will receive letters of appointment from the Dean. The length of the appointment will be in either one or two years. The members will be asked if they want to continue to serve on the committee. This process will help the program to reach compliance.

4. Division update

The PTA Program requested dates for the CAPTE site visit. It is now scheduled for April 6-9, 2008. It was originally scheduled for the Fall of 2007, but has been extended.

The PTA Program Director position has been updated with a new description and copies have been sent to individuals that have requested it. HR has a new system called PeopleAdmin and the applicants will apply electronically online and will have to scan their transcripts to attach. The new system has been challenging in several ways. This should be complete this week and if no other problems surface the job should be posted on the system next week and advertised a week from Sunday. Interviewing should then start around the first of the year.

Winn Construction was hired for the construction of the new building. It will be a two story structure with upstairs offices and classrooms. EMS, OTA and PTA will all have new offices and labs. There will be significant space and if the community need arises in the future the PTA could be expanded. The storage issues were also addressed in the new building and there should be adequate space. An ADL lab with a living area, functioning kitchen, separate bedroom and a non functioning bathroom are also in the plans. The toilet will be filled with concrete to deter its use. Classes will not be scheduled in the new building in Fall 08 but should begin in Spring 09.

The OSHRE Initiative in the spring the State Regents resulted in an addition of five new nursing faculty, one new clerical position and a student development counselor for our division. The addition of the counselor should have a good impact on our programs and she has been booked up to two weeks in advance. The accurate and consistent information should prove to be a positive advantage for our division.

5. PTA program

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

Program Director-recruiting

Faculty-The adjuncts that are teaching at present are Jennifer Ball, Teresa Guerrero, and Mark Brown.

Students

Class of 2006-All students passed the Final Comprehensive Practical Examination on the 1st attempt in January 2006.

Class of 2007-Two students did not pass the first year Practical Examination in May 2006. One student passed on next attempt. One student did not pass on two subsequent attempts and ultimately decided on a remediation plan and will retake the comprehensive Practical examination in spring 2007.

Class of 2008-There are 20 students. A student dropped too late for an alternate to be called to make the class total 21.

Class of 2009-There has been lots of inquiries.

6. CAPTE

There was discussion on the upcoming site visit and the preparation of the evidence that proves compliance. Vicky Davidson asked the committee to be involved with the process and started with the mission statement. A copy of the PTA mission statement was provided to the members along with the division and college's mission's statement. This will give time to review each statement and bring the PTA's statement inline with the colleges mission statement and add emphasize on the global aspect.

Vicky Davidson asked for two meetings next semester as working meetings to incorporate input from the committee and review program purpose statements, terminal competencies, course competencies and learning objectives to ensure appropriate content in the curriculum.

The other thing the program will review is the normative model guide book. The normative model has been revised and it is a good time to make sure the PTA program meets the revised standards.

Vicky Davidson will be sending out reading material and will also create a grid to either email or mail out for feedback.

The faculty has agreed to meet after the end of the semester or grading week for a four hour marathon meeting to look at the program as a whole. They will be looking at what is taught in the classes and compare the syllabi with all of the objectives. These will be put under the columns of the normative model to make sure all of the areas are covered. This will also verify if there are gaps or things that are still needed. If the syllabus needs to be changed this would be a good time for that. This process is good, gives a view of the program in a different light.

7. Other

The clinical internships will take place January through May. There will be a reception for the clinical instructors December 5th. The program is looking at how to meet the needs of the clinical instructors and has looked into doing a workshop for the instructors at OCCC.

The compliance officer from OCCC will be meeting with the new students to do a sexual harassment training before they attend their clinical. This is the first time this has been included in their preparation for the clinic.

A copy of Table 5.1 was distributed to the members. This form shows the things a PTA should be expected to know at a knowledge level, what they should be able to do at an entry level, and what they are not responsible for. The black out items are skills or knowledge for PTA. These were discussed in detail.

Vicky Davidson will attend the Federation Test Writing Workshop in March 07. This should help with the writing of our test questions. Vicky wants to explore putting more of our tests in the test center to help students become more comfortable with computer testing. The goal is also to ensure that the multiple choice questions appropriately test the student's ability to critically think.

The possibility of hosting a workshop to prepare the students for taking the boards was discussed. There was discussion about teaming up with other PTA programs to put on a testing workshop. The test workshop is expensive with a cost of \$3500.00 which would be a cost of \$175.00 each student, but that compared to the cost of re-taking the boards in case of failure was discussed. A suggestion to have a video conference was brought up after reviewing the additional cost of the drive time and lodging for the school that had to travel to the workshop. A computerized practice test would also be beneficial for the students to practice at the college, if the workshop did not materialize.

There was also discussion related to the proposed changes to Form 5. It was reported that these had been tabled at the November 2nd meeting and the next meeting to discuss it would be on December 12th. Chris Kenney and Debbie Christian had both attended this meeting. The rule change will affect those that work in a large facility more so. The committee meeting and public hearing will be in February.

The meeting was adjourned by Olivia after confirming with the members that the next two meetings would be on February 6th, 2007 at 8:30am and May 1st, 2007 at 8:30am.