

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**  
**January 21, 2005 @ 7:30 A.M.**

Members Present: David Tedrick, Jennifer Hawley, Melissa Adams, Stacey Thompson, Kathy Curless, Shirley Fuentes, Angie DeAnda & Lacey Mills – Student Representatives.

Ex-Officio's Present: Sheree Talkington, Bill Crawford, Dr. R.E. Byrd, Dr. Paul Matney, Susan McClure, Pilar Suarez.

1. Welcome – Mr. Tedrick, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the April 15, 2004, meeting, were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Ms. Suarez reminded everyone about the Wound Care Workshop on March 4.
4. West Campus Counselor – Ms. McClure is the Allied Health and Nursing Counselor. There were 10,576 students that enrolled last fall. Forty students are OT majors and 36 are OTA majors.
5. OTA Student Representatives - Nothing to report.
6. Director's Report – The site visit went well. There are some new guidelines. Plans of action in meeting those guidelines have been established. Amarillo College will hire a consultant to help Ms. Talkington. A motion was made to accept the following changes: Student start the program in the fall instead of the spring semester; ACOTE Guidelines: A Frame of Reference; add and delete a few courses; offer Introduction to OTA in the fall and spring semester. The committee voted and all were in favor of the changes.

Plans to hire a full-time faculty member for the program.

The program graduated 5 students last year. Twelve students entered the program this spring.

Employment for COTA's in the state of Texas look good!

The 10 year anniversary for the OTA program at Amarillo College is February 15.

Texas Women University in Denton offers an OTA/OTR bridge program.

Currently there are 10 OTA programs in the state of Texas.

7. Other Business - The committee members commended Ms. Talkington and the program. The CI's stated that the students are doing well too!
8. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.

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