

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

October 13, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Delong, Randy Clark, Linda Hall, Stacy Skeen, Becky Burton, Valecia Snyder, Traleia Wing

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Dr. Kelly Jones, Rena Hutches, Bill Crawford, Cherie Clifton

1. Call to order – Delong called the meeting to order following introductions.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 18, 2009, meeting were approved as written.
3. Division Advisor – Clifton reported spring early registration will start November 8th. There've been many inquiries regarding admission to the PTA program. Also, AC has a record enrollment this fall (11,000+ students).
4. Continuing Health Care Education - Kim Crowley, absent.
5. Student Representative – Wing reported that the students are doing well and they are enjoying the program. The students like having more open lab time, as well as the new models.
6. Director's Report – Jones reported that students can now submit their application online directly to her. Forty-eight students applied, thirty-two completed the entire application process. Currently there are twenty-three freshmen with one returning, and seventeen sophomores, with two returning. Crawford asked if any of the PTA graduates went on to get their Bachelor's degree. Several incoming students applied to PT school multiple times and were not accepted. However, six to eight current students already have a Bachelor's degree in other disciplines.

There was a 100% pass rate in 2009; in 2010 fourteen students passed, and two have not taken the test yet. All graduates are employed; however, flooding the market in Amarillo is always a possibility. From the nineteen students accepted, fourteen would like to stay in Amarillo, and five would like to move outside of the Amarillo area.

The new curriculum voted on by the advisory committee members last fall is now in full swing and seems to be working well. Jones went over the new curriculum with the members, to refresh their memory.

Carl Perkins funds purchased tri-fold mats, models, and platform/therapy steps for the lab this year.

Jones would like to eventually put the employer survey and graduate survey online.

7. Faculty Report – Hutches reported that there will no longer be half day clinic rotations after this semester.
8. Affiliation Reports – All affiliations represented reported that everything is well and enjoy having the students. Snyder reported that October is PT month and Northwest Texas Hospital will be sponsoring a dinner with a speaker on October 14th / TPTA's District meeting and everyone is invited.
9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Executive Secretary.
