

**PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 15, 2004 @ 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Velecia Snyder, Linda Hall, Randy Clark, Tony Clark, Brant Capps, Ed Hankard, Rikki Nolte

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Kelly Jones, Rena Hutches, Bill Crawford, Jeff Doiron, Pilar Suarez, Susanne McClure

1. Call to order – Mr. Hankard, Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. Introduction – Introductions were made by everyone.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the September 10, 2003, meeting were approved as written.
4. Continuing Health Care – Mr. Doiron reminded everyone on November 5th the Neuroscience Workshop will be at the West Campus and the Therapeutic Geriatric workshop is this weekend.
5. Susan McClure – Dr. Renee Fike has placed an advisor in each division that will specialize in each of the departments and Ms. McClure will be the advisor for all Allied Health and Nursing students. There are 10,578 students enrolled this fall which is 5% more than last fall. PTA has 168 declared majors, and 42 are new students to Amarillo College.
6. Student Representative – Ms. Nolte reported that the PTA students have been very busy. They adopted a foster child and donated kitchen supplies for that child. They participated in the Relay for Life and were able to donate \$250. In May the students had a carwash and raised \$375 for their boards. This fall they had a bake sale and raised \$47, and are currently selling t-shirts for \$12-\$15 each. The class donated a “basket” for TPTA, and a bid of \$100 was made to go towards research. The students also plan to have a Sonic Night, lunch in the atrium and a raffle soon. Mr. Crawford asked if the students had any concerns and the only thing was the out of town students have a hard time getting to class and clinic, but they are making the transition well. The clinical sites have been great!
7. Directors Report
 - A. CAPTE - Ms. Jones traveled to Nashville, TN, to attend an Accreditation Workshop, and an Items Writers workshop and found both to be very helpful.
 - B. PT Month Activities – The students have made posters which are located for viewing in the AH atrium.
 - C. PTA Day October 18, 2004 – Ms. Jones reminded the clinic areas to give special attention to their PTA's on October 18th.

- D. New Equipment – A BTE was donated to the program by NWTH; Bone Boxes and a Total Gym were purchased through Carl Perkins funds; books, journals, and a mat were donated by Amarillo Physical Therapy. Thank you everyone!!!
 - E. Student Enrollment – Currently there are 26 in the Introduction class. In May the program graduated 5 students. Three that did not graduate have returned to school.
 - F. New Admission Criteria - All students will have to have a background check at their cost of \$48.50, and all immunizations must be completed before they do their clinical rotations.
 - G. Bio-terrorism Project – The class is offered this fall on Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 and was developed primarily due to 9/11 and the Oklahoma Bombing. This course will be offered to anyone in the medical field in the spring with a \$100 stipend.
8. Clinic Report – Rena Hutches
- A. New MACS – The Alliance developed a new Blue Mac and has had good reports from the students who are currently using it.
 - B. Updating Clinical Information – The program has added three new sites, Canyon Health Care, Country Club Manor and Plum Creek. Currently there are 52 affiliations. There are 23 students right now and Ms. Hutches and Ms. Jones appreciate the sites and their flexibility on taking more than 1 student. Ms. Hutches will continue to do site-visits. Ms. Hutches will be sending out a report to each facility sometime in January to fill out for the PTA program accreditation visit next year.
 - C. Practicum Length –The discussion has come up about lengthening practicum and at this time no changes will be made until have the accreditation visit. Ms. Hutches did an unofficial check with some of the clinical sites and some have suggested a 10 week rotation in the spring and one 5 week rotation in the summer. Also, it was discussed having full-time rotations and not having part-time rotations. Most clinical areas would like for the students to have more exposure.
9. Old Business - Ms. Jones reported that the new Clinical Neurology class was implemented last summer and did very well. The Profession of Physical Therapy is now a 2 credit hour course. Ms. Hutches has developed a Job Posting for PTA's on the AC website. Go to www.actx.edu and click on Physical Therapy Assistant.
10. New Business – Ms. Hall asked how the student liked the guest speakers at NWTH? Ms. Jones said that the students really enjoyed it. Also, it was mentioned that Velecia Snyder received an award for the Outstanding Regional PTA. Way to go Velecia!
11. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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