

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 21, 2005 @ 12:00 P.M.

Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Hankard - Chairperson, Velevia Snyder, Linda Hall, Randy Clark, Ashley Millsaps – Student Rep.

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

1. Call to order – Hankard, Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the October 15, 2004, meeting were approved with one correction: #8 A. Should read as PTA MACS.
4. Continuing Health Care – Suarez reported on several workshops for PT's and PTA's that will be offered this fall and winter. Brochures were available.
5. Counseling Center - McClure was absent.
6. Student Representative Report – Millsaps reported that the students were planning lots of activities (carwash, bake sales, and T-Shirt sales) this year to raise money for their state boards. Snyder asked if the students were planning to go to the student conclave in Denver. Millsaps said that they were not planning to go this year. Crawford asked if the students had any concerns or complaints. Millsaps said that the students had talked about the west campus cafeteria putting in a debit/credit card machine.
7. Directors Report
 - A. Student Enrollment/Graduation Rate/Pass Rate – There are 46 students enrolled in the Professions of Physical Therapy course and 47 in the Applied Physical Principles course. There were 19 graduates this year, and at this point 14 have passed their licensing exam on the first attempt. Of the two that did not pass, one student passed on the second attempt, and the results of the other student is not known at this time.

- B. New Equipment – The program was awarded Carl Perkins funds this year and Jones bought a Hydrocollator and a Combo Ultrasound Stimulation unit.
- C. CAPTE – The on-site visit will be October 30-November 2, 2005.
- D. Curriculum Assessment – Jones asked for volunteers to look over the program curriculum. Hall, Clark and Snyder volunteered.
- E. Admissions Criteria – The accrediting body of NWTH, BSA and VA has mandated that ALL allied health/nursing students doing clinic rotation (patient contact) in their facility must have a completed criminal background check before their rotation starts. The Allied Health Division uses PreCheck, Inc., and the cost to the student is \$48.50.

Currently, students who have declared PTA as their major are required to spend 15 hours in a clinical situation observing the function of a Physical Therapy Department. Jones is considering raising the observation hours from 15- 24 hours.

- F. Student Handbooks – Jones had a copy of the new student handbook for the committee to look at their leisure.

8. Clinic Report

- A. Clinical Information – Hutches gave everyone a copy of the updated Clinical Education Program Evaluation Form to look over at their leisure.
- B. Clinic Survey- Hutches gave everyone an updated copy of the number of full-time and part-time clinical sites and their specialties to look over their leisure.
- C. New CI Manual – Hutches will send out the new CI manual to the facilities soon.

9. Old Business – Nothing to report at this time.

10. New Business

- A. Employment Opportunities – Region wide, job opportunities are plentiful. Students coming into the program are told that they may have to move out of the Amarillo area to get a job. Currently the program takes 24 students each spring, during that discussion, it was suggested that maybe the program could look at decreasing the programs cap.

- B. Hybrid courses – Jones talked about adding hybrid to some of the PTA courses. This would allow the use of online material and tutorials would be valuable to the students.
 - C. West Campus Counselor – Jones gave kudos to Susan McClure, Allied Health & Nursing Counselor, for the great job that she does in assisting the PTA majors
11. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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