

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Delong – Chairperson, Valecia Snyder, Randy Clark, Richard Tamplen, Kevin Nicholson, Derek Neill, Becky Burton.

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

1. Call to order – Delong called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the November 7, 2008, were approved as written.
3. Allied Health Counselor & Advisor – Clifton reported that spring registration started November 9th, and there has been lots of interest in the PTA program. Also, Amarillo College has a record high enrollment this fall of 11,100 students.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
5. Student Representative – Tamplen reported that the student would like to have access to the PTA lab area with instructional help like that at Washington Campus (A&P open lab) for those students who live out of town and for those students who would need more lab time and instruction. Currently, the PTA lab is only available during certain times of the day.
6. Director's Report – Fourteen student graduated in May and all fourteen passed their exam the first time. Two students will graduate in December. The program received a new traction table, bought through Carl Perkins funds, and the students love it! Jones gave everyone a copy of the proposed curriculum for next fall, along with the course descriptions. *All attending members voted on paper ballots, and the ballots were tallied by Delong, Chairperson, and read to the committee. The proposed curriculum changes were approved by all voting members of the committee.* In addition to the curriculum changes, the program will have a fall start date, instead of a spring start date. Jones will submit the changes to Academic Affairs and the approved changes would take effect in the summer and fall of 2010.
7. Faculty Report – Hutches reported the students are getting more hands on in the clinic during their three week rotation, and it seems to be working well. New affiliations have

been added, such as Ussery Roan, Heritage Convalescent, Abilene, Lubbock and Nebraska.

8. Affiliation Reports- DeLong, Northwest Texas Hospital, reported that the students are doing well and feel the proposed rotations will be good for the students. Nicholson, VA Hospital reported that the students are doing well, and will stress to the student's the importance of patient confidentiality. Snyder, BSA Hospital, said that the program is very organized and she receives everything in a timely manner.
9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

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