

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2016

I. Call to Order

Teresa Chiavacci called to order the regular meeting of the PTA Advisory Committee at 7:02 pm on September 29, 2016 in room 218.

II. Attendance

Teresa Chiavacci conducted a roll call.

Members Present: Sue Barber, Cathy Garvey, Mary Ellen Barkman, Shamsah Shidi, Michelle Hampton, Debra Fox, Alex Kerekes, Mary Hanlon, Barb Heier, Kirsten Snellenburg, Kory Thomas, Teresa Chiavacci

Members Absent: Winston Biltz, Marlon Alaan, Norman Schlat, Tricia Trinqu

III. Content

a. Introductions

- a. Teresa Chiavacci opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

b. Program Update

- a. Teresa Chiavacci invited Kory Thomas to make opening comments. Kory Thomas explained the new faculty and staff hires, their positions, and the current number of students. Kory Thomas explained that a student appealed for re-enrollment, leading to 35 freshmen instead of 34 students. Teresa Chiavacci asked what the appeal was, and Kory Thomas explained the process.
- b. Kory Thomas transitioned into the re-accreditation process with news and updates about how faculty are “mapping” the curriculum. Kory Thomas explained when the site visit is (September 10-13, 2017) and when the self-study is due (July 12, 2017). Mary Hanlon explained how the accreditation documents are placed in a “drop box” online. Kory Thomas transitioned into the topic of clinical sites available for current students.

c. Clinical Education Update

- a. Kory Thomas stated that we have an adequate number of clinical sites for the spring clinicals overall but we do have a need for additional summer clinical sites. Currently, there are 27 sites for January, 32 for March, and 31 for the summer.
- b. An explanation was given about why the faculty are considering not accepting “linkage” students for the PTA program. Kory Thomas addressed the “Earn as you Learn” program and that re-instatement is not guaranteed to the students who apply for readmissions. Mary Hanlon added details about the appeal process. Kory Thomas made it known that CAPTE expects us to follow our written policies and procedures.
- c. Teresa Chiavacci moved into the Web CPI topic. Kory Thomas asked Alex Kerekes to address the content of the Web CPI. Alex Kerekes spoke about how the information is to be gathered in order to use the Web CPI. Barb Heier asked Sue Barber if she knew of any CIs using the Web based CPI. Sue stated that she does not feel it will be an issue for CIs. Mary Ellen Barkman stated that having the CIs assigned 2 months in advance is not always practical because the CIs can be assigned students with short notice. Mary Hanlon said that the school could host a training for CIs to use the Web based CPI. Teresa Chiavacci asked Kory Thomas to address the new proposed Mission Statement.

d. Proposed Mission Statement

- a. Kory Thomas directed attention to the Mission Statements (old and new) in the members’ packets. Kory Thomas explained how the Mission Statement was created and why the language is used in order to coincide with the Mission of the institution. Kory Thomas then directed the member’s attention to the graduate outcome statements. Mary Ellen Barkman asked how these graduation outcome statements are measurable. Kory Thomas explained that the statements were measured in a variety of ways. The committee voted unanimously for the acceptance of the new Mission Statement for the PTA Program as well as the graduation outcome statements.

e. Essential Student Functions (Technical Standards)

- a. Teresa Chiavacci transitioned into the next topic which Kory Thomas addressed. Kory Thomas explained that the Essential Student Functions list

needed to be modified. Mary Ellen Barkman stated that each individual's workplace essential functions could be used to try and match with the Program's Essential Student Functions. Kory Thomas stated that we examined other school's PTA programs to observe the essential student functions that they have listed. Mary Ellen Barkman asked if OSHA guidelines will have an influence on the essential student functions in order to be more compliant with the standards of a facility. This question was addressed accordingly by multiple members of the meeting.

f. Student APTA Memberships

- a. Teresa Chiavacci asked Kory Thomas to address the student APTA membership. Kory Thomas explained that the sophomore students had all of their memberships purchased by the Foundation funds. The issue of active student membership was addressed and Mary Ellen Barkman stated that it would provide a chance for students to recognize the need for lifelong learning, as well as the resources that the membership offers. There was discussion amongst the members about how to encourage students to use the APTA resources available to them.

g. Miscellaneous

- a. Kory Thomas then addressed miscellaneous issues consisting of 2016 graduate NPTE rates. All of the 2016 graduates passed the NPTE on the first attempt, with one student receiving a perfect score. Kory Thomas addressed how we are statistically lower in the category of Data Collection on the NPTE for SPC than for comparative schools. The members addressed this accordingly. Mary Hanlon addressed the topic of the Web CSIF. Kory Thomas asked the members what they thought of the new activity implemented in the admissions process. Mary Ellen Barkman stated how she appreciated the activity because it allowed members of the group to express their ideas in different ways; students who were quiet in the beginning are able to participate while those who are more "rehearsed" have to think more dynamically in how to participate. Barb Heier stated that she did not observe "stalling" with the activity as opposed to the past activity, which allowed greater teamwork participation. Kory Thomas asked Alex Kerekes to explain the flexibility and posture clinic. Mary Hanlon also explained that PTA students have been asked to give in-services to nursing students on gait and mobility training.

h. Announcements

- a. Barb Heier addressed the idea of a Biodex sit-to-stand device.
- b. Kory Thomas handed out the fall newsletter. Kory Thomas also expressed how she meets with the class president every 2 weeks.
- c. Mary Hanlon explained the suggestion box for students.
- d. Teresa Chiavacci explained that maybe the students can look up their CI's license to see when a CI has graduated.
- e. Kory Thomas thanked Teresa Chiavacci for her participation on the Florida Department of Education Physical Therapist Assistant Curriculum Committee this year.

i. Adjournment

Teresa Chiavacci adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Alex Kerekes

Minutes approved by: Kory Thomas