

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, 9/24/2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlon Alaan, Mary Ellen Barkman, Teresa Dean, Ernesto Monroy, Norman Schlact, Shamsah Shidi, , Tricia Trinqué, Cathy Garvey

PROGRAM FACULTY AND STAFF: Dr. Rich Flora, Dean Mary Hanlon, Barb Heier, Kory Thomas, Kirsten Snellenburg, Dana Hamilton

MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

SUBJECT: FALL PROGRAM UPDATE

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Teresa Chiavacci called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Those present introduced themselves and indicated their current place of employment.

II. PROGRAM UPDATE

a. Staff Update (Dr. Flora)

Dr. Flora introduced himself. He is the Dean of School of Veterinary Technology, PTA, Funeral Services, and Orthotics & Prosthetics.

He told the advisory board Becky Kramer had resigned as Program Director. The position has been posted to various healthcare websites, APTA and SPC website.

Dr. Eric Carver was appointed as the Interim HEC Provost.

Dr. Kirsten Snellenburg has come on board as an adjunct instructor.

b. New Cohort Statistics

There were 164 applicants and faculty/staff conducted 146 interviews. Thirty-four students were accepted for the fall of 2015.

c. Current Number of Students

There are currently 29 sophomores. The program accepted 40 freshman students in 2014.

Currently there are 33 freshman students. One student withdrew 3 weeks into the program for financial reasons.

Barb Heier and Kory Thomas handed out copies of the interview rubric used in the interview. They asked for any suggestions for change or additions to the rubric. After looking at the rubric, the advisory board agreed that it was good and covered everything it should. Mary Hanlon mentioned we were going to change the topics for the writing portion.

d. Student Volunteer Opportunities

Student Activities has asked that students start volunteering more. There are a couple of events in the area available to them:

Special Olympics, Healthy Community Tampa Bay
Fun Fitness Screenings

Barb Heier and Kory Thomas met several students at the event.
Need more volunteers this year.

Special Olympic, Orlando
State Fall Classic

Two sophomore students are planning to attend.

Flexibility and Posture Screenings
SPC HEC Employees

We did this last year and had a pretty good turnout. It gives student an opportunity to speak with a patient.

e. Fall 2017 Accreditation

The process of getting the report together will begin soon. The new PD will be involved. By fall of 2016, all staff will be involved. Mary talked about the CSIF required by CAPTE. They are free for clinicians to upload but it costs us to download them. We are receiving updated hard copies slowly but surely from our clinical sites.

III. PTA PROGRAM PASS RATES

Mary Hanlon announced we have a 100% pass rate for the last two years. Norman Schlact responded that is very impressive and a good selling point to CI's for taking our students.

IV. CLINICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

a. Number of Clinical Placements

Barb Heier announced we just needed 5 slots for spring clinicals. Norman Schlact said he would take a student. Barb Heier and Kory Thomas asked for suggestions for handling backups in case a clinic decides at the last minute they can't take a student. Mary Ellen Barkman suggested using a small local clinic.

b. APTA CI Credentialing Course

Barb Heier and Kory Thomas asked the committee's opinion on paying for CI's fee for APTA CI Credentialing Course. It costs APTA member \$230.00 and non-members \$330.00. The consensus was that we should pay \$150.00 for each person, regardless of their membership status. We should ask for a commitment of taking a student for a clinical. Teresa Chiavacci wondered how we would advertise and make sure we don't leave someone out. Florida Hospital has two CIs who would like to take the APTA CI course.

We pay for other CEU's for CI's as well. Not many take advantage of it. Teresa asked if it is in our CI handbook. Faculty confirmed that it is in the handbook.

V. ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Dr. Flora mentioned that we have a challenge because we have such a limited number of seats. He put the admission guide from the website on the overhead projector and went over all of the requirements. Dana Hamilton explained the actual admissions application, both to the school and the program. We then went over the Interview Rubric as a group. Overall everyone was satisfied with the rubric. Dr. Flora asked that everyone think of changes that might be implanted in the future and we talk about it in the spring.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Meeting was adjourned by Teresa Chiavacci at 9:10 pm.