

St. Petersburg College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

I. Call to Order

Mary Hanlon called to order the biannual meeting of the PTA Program Advisory Committee at 7:03 p.m. on May 18, 2017 in room 218.

II. Members Present

Mary Hanlon, Richard Flora, Kirsten Snellenburg, Alex Kerekes, Kory Thomas, Barb Heier, Marlon Alaan, Maryellan Sullivan, Debra Fox, Sue Barber, Cathy Garvey, Tricia Trinique, Maryellan Barkman

III. Members Absent

Winston Biltz, Norman Schlat, Shamsah Shidi, Teresa Chiavacci

IV. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and stated their place of employment.

V. Program Update

a. 2017 Graduates

Kory Thomas started with statistics from the 2017 graduating class. The graduation rate was 75.3%. Kory Thomas further stated that out of the 25 that graduated, one will complete a remediation clinical experience with plans to graduate this summer.

b. Current Number of Students

Kory Thomas added that we have 31 sophomore students that are embarking on their summer clinical rotations.

c. Mock CAPTE Visit

Kory Thomas made it known that we will have the CAPTE consultant mock visit next week, with the CAPTE visit in September. The CAPTE team will be here September 10-13, 2017. Kory Thomas asked that if any advisory committee members would be interested in being a part of the CAPTE visit to let her know.

d. Self-Study Report

Kory Thomas provided the due date for the Self-Study Report (July 12, 2017). The PTA team is actively working on the report.

e. Relocation

Kory Thomas transitioned into the topic of the PTA Program move. Kory Thomas directed the members' attention to the floor plans in the handouts. PTA will be moving to the O&P building which previously housed the O&P Bachelors program. Kory Thomas described the new space stating that faculty office and the new lab space will have windows. The PTA program will also have use of the gait analysis room on the first floor.

VI. Clinical Education

a. Implementation of Web CPI

Barb Heier stated that this is the first class to have the Web CPI integrated into their grading for clinical rotations. Kory Thomas further added that CCCEs should have received a packet regarding the Web CPI. Faculty and staff will assist the clinical education faculty with gaining access to the Web CPI.

b. APTA PTA Web CPI Training

Barb Heier further added that training is free for the CI.

c. Feedback from Clinical Faculty and Students

Kory Thomas stated that some of the 2017 graduates did not feel comfortable in the acute care setting with regards to being prepared enough for the acute care environment. Debra Fox stated that it may be possible to utilize the ICU setting at her place of employment at St. Pete General Hospital to help prepare students. Mary Hanlon added that she will work with Debra Fox to set up an acute care simulation area in the lab for students.

VII. Proposed Technical Standards

Mary Hanlon directed the members' attention to the technical standards that have been proposed by faculty and staff. Kory Thomas stated that these will be updated and posted in the necessary places. Maryellan Sullivan stated that there isn't anything written towards having electronic skills with a computer. Kory Thomas stated that it is written in the cognitive section in number 5. After further discussion, the committee decided to add the electronic skills verbiage. Tricia Trinke asked what would happen

if students have disabilities. Richard Flora stated that students need to be able to have the ability to meet the technical standards (with reasonable accommodations if needed) before entering the programs. Maryellan Barkman stated that a minimum requirement of lifting should be added to the technical standards. Mary Hanlon added that through Occupational Health standards, there is a more global approach to the amount of pounds to be lifted. Richard Flora stated that if the employers have a minimum requirement, it should be added to the technical standards. The committee decided on a minimum of 50 pounds for the lifting requirement. Maryellan Barkman also suggested to add the phrase “transitional movements” to the technical standards in section C-4 and to remove the statement “for a brief period of time” regarding the standing requirement. Cathy Garvey stated that there should be an introduction paragraph to the technical standards page explaining what and why there are standards for the program. Mary Hanlon made a motion to vote to adopt the new technical standards with the additions/changes described above. The committee voted to adopt the new language.

VIII. Program Advisory Committee Feedback Form

Mary Hanlon asked the advisory committee to fill out the feedback form. Mary described how the information provided on these forms is linked to our formal assessment process. Kory Thomas stated that curricular materials are available on the tables for their review.

IX. Admissions Interviews

Kory Thomas stated that we will be in need of another person to help with the admission interviews in June. She provided the dates of June 20 and June 22, 2017. Kory Thomas described the changes/revisions that have been made to the admissions process. Kory Thomas further explained that CAPTE wants to know that students are able to complete the PTA program in 104 weeks or less. Prospective students can now take pre-entry courses during the summer session (at SPC only) and still be able to apply during the regular admissions window. Richard Flora added that a lot of students are able to do dual-enrollment or collegiate high school and meet the pre-entry requirements for the program.

X. Miscellaneous

a. Tour O&P Area

Mary Hanlon and faculty provided a tour of the new space in the O&P building including room 203, faculty lounge/conference room, gait analysis lab, and the clinic lobby on the first floor.

XI. Announcements

No announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Alex Kerekes

Minutes approved by: Kory Thomas