



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Andrea Moses, Alicia Backer, Amber Finseth, Rachel Johnston, Jenna Hjelden, Rob Jung, Gary Schindler, Cherron Halvorson, Dani Rowekamp, Jamie Bowman, Tyler Haugen

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM
2. Review of prior meeting minutes	Minutes from Nov. 2018 were reviewed with no changes noted
3. Introductions	Introductions of members, welcome to Alicia Backer, who is at her first meeting
4. Report from Program Director & Program Demographics/Outcomes	<p>1. First year students are in a very busy semester; second year students just started their final clinical experience and they took their 1st PEAT mock licensure review exam 2 weeks ago. 10/13 received the equivalent of a passing licensure exam score. Students who failed will have up to 3 additional changes to pass a similar exam.</p> <p>2.. Demographics: Employment rate is still high, concerns among PTA Educators nationally that many graduates cannot find full time employment; the updated admission policy has started; also new grading scale for incoming students: 77% vs. 75%; Applications are down. 8 admitted as of right now. 3 pending application</p> <p>3. State of PTA Education: Rasmussen College in MSP. Herzing University received Candidacy, so there will now be 4 PTA Programs in MSP; 6 in Minnesota.</p> <p>4. Nationally, there is a significant concern about the state of PTA Education. A Task Force has been just appointed to research the state, and Justin has been named as co-chair, with the task to deliver a final report to the board of directors in May 2019. Researching program length, and other issues.</p>

	<p>5. APTA CSM 2019: 6th year in a row NCTC students will have research accepted for the conference (last year accepted, but students were unable to attend); Shelley was unable to attend due to weather after spending several hours at the airport; Justin attended was able to attend.; Another group of students have been working on a study with me, which will be submitted to CSM 2020 in Denver.</p> <p>6. Faculty activities: Shelley: Just co-taught a CI credential course at UND, with good turnout. Justin: Had 2 research posters and another presentation at CSM which went well. Alicia Backer and Justin have submitted proposal for the APTA's National Student Conclave in October, and will find out if it is accepted this summer.</p> <p>8. Accreditation. The program is right in the middle of our current 10 year accreditation timeframe, as we last received accreditation in Spring of 2014. For our next accreditation visit, they require 5 years of program meeting minutes and assessment reports, so we are gearing up to getting our ducks in a row.</p> <p>9. The program's sustainability report was reviewed, which is currently at 4/6 primarily due to tuition being frozen while faculty salaries have been rising over the past couple of years, which has been common in most health programs at the college</p>
5. Report from Program ACCE; Review of clinical experience length, placement, and duration	The program currently has 64 signed clinical contracts; and 182 annually available clinical positions. There have been adequate numbers of positions in all required clinical settings. 6 students are doing clinicals in Arizona this spring.
6. Program Admissions requirements/TEAS score	Program admissions criteria. TEAS test last year was raised from 58-62%. Shelley and Justin could not decide between 60-62%, but now think 60% is the way to go based on assessment of past years' students and outcomes. The advisory committee agreed to keep this minimum cut score at 60%
7. Review of Physical Agents taught within the program	A review of physical agents current taught to theory and to competency within the program was performed. The advisory committee agreed that the program should continue to just teach whirlpool, laser, fluidotherapy, and diathermy to theory only. The advisory committee also agreed with the change to only teach paraffin and CPM to theory only. The program is attempting to get a Sports Ready device for compression, and has submitted it as part of the college equipment budget process
8. Test retake policy	Faculty discussed a draft exam retake policy they would like to start in Fall 2019 to ensure students demonstrate competency in all curricular areas; which would include students having to retake and pass a failed test within 2 weeks of the failed test.

	Following discussion, the committee agreed that this would be a good policy to initiate this fall.
8. Nominations of new members	This is Rachel, Rob, and Amber's last meeting. The committee listed some potential PTs and PTAs for Justin to contact.
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next Meeting: October 2019