



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021

6:00 PM

Zoom

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Nicole Arends, Matt Vangerud, Ben Holter, Dawn Eickman, Sydney Lembke, Katie Hatt Rokke, Morgan Podell, Kelly Osland,

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM
2. Review of prior meeting minutes	Minutes from the Spring Advisory Committee meeting were reviewed, no changes were recommended.
3. Introductions	Introductions of all members was completed. Welcome Sydney, Katie, Matt, and Nicole!
4. Report from Program Director & Program Demographics/Outcomes	<p>1. Current state of the college. Dr. Sandy Kiddo is the new Northland President. Health program directors have met with her and discussed marketing of health programs. Dr. Kiddo has been doing a great job building relationships in the community and getting the word out about what is going on at the college.</p> <p>2. Demographics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All but one of the 2020 graduates are now employed, and most of the 2021 graduates have found employment. There are PTA jobs opening up again in the region. Today one company in Fargo contacted Justin that they are looking to hire 4 full-time PTAS ASAP.• This is the 2nd year the program did not fill the incoming cohort, which is a maximum of 18. This fall the program started with 16 first year students. There are 10 2nd year students currently, 4 students from that class who did not complete the spring semester are planning on returning and rejoining the current 1st year class in January.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a 100% NPTE pass rate over the past 4 years (Programs need to be at 85% two-year average) • Applications are down. 1 admitted for next fall. (3 admitted at this time last year, and 1 at this time in 2019.) <p>3. More recruitment activities are planned for smaller high schools with online Zoom presentations to health careers classes, and more presentations to local university exercise science and kinesiology programs, which we have done in the past at NDSU, Valley City, UND, and Bemidji State.</p> <p>4. APTA CSM 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be the 9th year in a row NCTC students will have research accepted for the conference. Nicole will be presenting a study about work engagement of PTs and PTAs regarding productivity requirements. • Justin is also presenting one research platform and is a co-speaker for two sessions. <p>5. Faculty Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley will be teaching a CEU event for clinical faculty in December • Justin is currently the vice president of the ND Board of PT and is on the planning team for the PTA Education Summit. <p>6. Justin will be taking a sabbatical this spring which will involve him helping out with a couple of classes at the University of Jamestown DPT program, with Dawn Eickman teaching Kinesiology and Pathophysiology. He will keep doing program director duties and will still be co-teaching PTAS 2160 in the spring.</p> <p>7. Program Assessment report: things overall look good, and the program is meeting the main assessment thresholds except for graduation rate. Currently we use overall graduation rate, but CAPTE does not include student who leave for non-academic reasons, so the program graduation rate calculation has been revised to match CAPTE's definition.</p> <p>8. FSBPT report: the program is right above national means for NPTE results in all exam categories</p> <p>9. College Sustainability report, looks good, (-)'s are due to decreased numbers. Anticipate the report for last fiscal year will look worse due to this.</p>
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5. Update on Anatomy & Physiology credit increase	<p>1. In September 2021, the PTA Program Director sent an email to all advisory committee members regarding the increase in credits of Anatomy & Physiology I and II from 3 to 4 credits which will start in Fall 2022. The email stated the program faculty's preference to increase the program's curricular plan from 72 to 74 credits, including the transition plan. The other option presented would be to eliminate medical terminology (2 credits) from the curricular plan to allow the program to remain at 72 credits. Information about the 2 other Minn State PTA Programs was included in the email, including the fact that Lake Superior College's PTA Program is currently at 74 credits; as well as the additional curricular information which will be in the 4 credit A&P courses. All email responses from Advisory Committee Members agreed to increase program length to 74 credits and to not eliminate medical terminology.</p> <p>2. The increase in program credits starting to 74 starting in fall 2022 was approved by AASC. The advisory committee discussed this further and the consensus again was that this will be positive for the PTA Program.</p>
6. Report from Program DCE	<p>1. Overall clinical education is going well, even with COVID restrictions.</p> <p>2. There are currently 474 clinical placements annually available to the program; 328 in an outpatient setting, and 200 in inpatient settings (acute: 45; SNF: 146; rural hospital: 36; and inpatient rehab: 27. Total number of clinical contracts is 78, involving 251 clinical sites.</p> <p>3. On December 8th, Shelly will be teaching a clinical faculty education night CEU event on Zoom, which will include content on PTA reimbursement.</p>
7. COVID -19 program impacts	<p>Current courses: Lecture and labs are back to normal, with masks required on campus. It feels like we are back doing 90% of what we were able to do in the classroom like it was before COVID. There have still been a small number of students who have had to quarantine due to testing positive or being a close contact, but this is significantly decreased from the spring. There have been some field trips and other opportunities, like intraprofessional activities with UND-DPT that we have not been able to do this fall.</p>
8. Discussion on regional PTA employment, clinical, and reimbursement environment	<p>Discussion occurred on the PTA job market starting to open again. One of the PTA Programs in Minneapolis will be closing and is not accepting any new students. Discussion on the 15% Medicare PTA decrease also occurred.</p>
9. Membership representation review	<p>The advisory committee membership currently meets all areas in the committee constitution. The committee still needs one new PT member. Members will let Justin if they have thoughts on who to invite to join.</p>

10. Adjournment	7:04 PM
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Next Meeting: Spring 2021