Committee Name: Physical Therapist Assistant

Pueblo Community College

Date: May 15, 2015

Committee Members Present: Peggy Oreskovich, Lisa Heckel, Barry Brown, Gunilla Rushing, Mary Chavez, Christy Higham, Frank Knight, Lisa Learch, Cindy Mihelich, Trish Brewer, Katrina Harris, Dr. Allison Nicklin, Lesha Dickerson, Bonnie Housh

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Sil Arguello, Patty Erjavec, Christina Valdez

Guests:

Minutes taken by: Bonnie Housh

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action Item
Call to Order/Welcome/ Introductions	Barry called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Peggy welcomed and thanked all members for attending the meeting.	
Approval of January Minutes	Cindy moved to approve and Frank seconded the motion. Actions and decision items from January meeting have been completed.	
Program Update – Peggy	Applications are due May 21, 2015 and many are coming in. • approximately 50 applications to process • 30 to 35 interviews for the 20 positions • Interviews are later this year due to June site visit – July 8, 9, 10 • 19 second year students completed spring clinical rotations • 19 graduates for Spring 2015; Jennaya Tinsley-Garnett was awarded the Outstanding Student PTA in Colorado and received her award at APTA Symposium in Keystone • 12 second year took national exam in April; 9 passed, 3 will retake exam in July with other students. Criteria need to be established for students who wish to take the exam early, possibly use PEAT practice exam scores with additional criteria. • First year students transitioning to second year will take Score Builders practice exams during summer session. • Will continue to have second year students attend two day Score Builder seminar in January before beginning final semester. Will do Scorebuilders exams with rationales along with PEAT practice exams. • After July exam, three year pass rate will be calculated	Peggy will determine three year pass rate after July and October exams.

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	• Hosting a continuing education course on September 26, 2015 – given by Summit Seminars on Manual Therapy • Hosting a Clinical Instructor Credentialing course November 6 & 7, 2015.	
Update on Accreditation	Self-study submitted!!! Site visit scheduled for June 20 – 24 • Draft of site visit agenda distributed to board members • Advisory Board meets with team Monday June 22 at 5 pm (tentative) • Would like as many members as possible in person; can do some phone interviews. • Cindy gave examples of possible questions that advisory board members might be asked • The site team members have participating in other site visits. • We may have some compliance reports – expecting a 10 year re-accreditation.	
Club Activities Second Year First Year	Gunilla reported the club participating in Fling Spring and a health fair at the Church of Assembly on Troy Avenue – 7 students evaluated gaits; all enjoyed the event. Lesha excited to be done!! She is currently working at Encompass. • Lesha reported many of her fellow classmates have jobs in the field • 2014 class was 100% employment as one was not seeking work in the PTA field Katrina was relieved that finals were completed and is ready for summer internship. • In August, some PTA class participating in Run for Nepal sponsored by Handicap International.	
Internships/ACCE Report	Internships • Some in Pueblo and some in Colorado Springs • 12 students in first half of summer semester • 10 students in second half of summer semester • Need to place one student for 2nd half of summer semester • Low number of inpatient clinic sites in C. Springs • Two C. Springs students traveling to Pueblo for inpatient experience • One Pueblo student traveling to C. Springs for SNF AIM Home Health Care added as a clinic site Concord a private college in the Denver area is seeking internships in Pueblo. This may affect placements for PCC PTA students	

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	• Frank stated they are asking to place students in November and December which PCC does not have students in an internship in those months; should not affect PCC students	
College Report	Mary reported this is an accreditation year • EMS had a site visit in April • PTA in June • Dental Hygiene & Dental Assisting in September • Surgical Tech initial visit in October CHEO grant – this is the final year • Transitioned Rad Tech to CHEO grant last year; Rad Tech added MRI and Computed Tomography certificate to program this year • Ultrasound is proposed for Spring 2016; previously closed due to a lack of clinic sites; feasibility study for Dental Hygiene BAS indicated a need for Ultrasound techs. • CHEO grant provide the finances for Tiana at SCCC to take training for MRI • Purchase of a new X-ray machine for Rad Tech • Possible purchase of a virtual cadaver for Bio Lab at SMC • Development of recruitment video for all Health & Public Safety departments, HIT and Social work; scenario is a patient falls at home; breaks hip and a tooth. Filming on May 21 at house on Orman and at SMC Health and First Responder recruitment event on Tuesday May 26, 4-6:30 pm • Programs will be placed in clusters. Such as Therapy will include PTA, OTA and RCA • Several major employers in Pueblo will also be at the event Dental Hygiene BAS is moving forward with a start of Fall 2016; Water Quality has completed the paperwork for their BAS degree. Medical Assisting and Surg Tech moved to SMC in January. • Medical Assisting moves from Perkins to general funds this year • Surg Tech has one more year using Perkins funds PCC received national recognition – 4th in community college for "adding value to a degree and 20th in all 2 and 4 year schools Graduation is tonight; Isaac Pope, a Pueblo Junior College graduate and a member of the 1962 championship basketball team will be the speaker.	

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Good of the order	OTA and PTA have ordered equipment for the therapy labs at SMC Cadaver lab at SMC will be available Fall 2015. Peggy plans to have students in HPR 117 utilize the lab. Next meeting September 18,2015 Barry adjourned the meeting.	

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