

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Meeting (IFCC)

MINUTES

FRIDAY, APRIL 10,
2015 10:00 AM

TCSG

PROGRAM	Physical Therapist Assistant
FACILITATOR	Ellen O'Keefe and Holly Free
SECRETARY	Diana Carman
ATTENDEES	Ellen O'Keefe (Athens Tech), Diana Carman (Athens Tech), Stephanie Puffer (Chattahoochee Tech), and Dan Smith (VPAA -Athens Tech)

Agenda Topics

[WELCOME AND OPEN DISCUSSION] [30 MINS] [ALL]

DISCUSSION	<p>Holly announced that the new TCSG policy that requires an academic Vice President of Academic Affairs to attend each curriculum meeting. Dan Smith from Athens Tech is the VPAA for the PTA committee.</p> <p>Open discussion was adjunct usage, and how important, and necessary it is to provide a role model for students, and allow both faculty time for activities other than teaching. Stephanie stated that she believes her retention rate has improved due to having an adjunct allows her more time to assist students who need extra help and plan activities that enrich the program. Stephanie announced that she has a student who has been named a PTA student representative at the national level.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

TCSG UPDATES] 30 MINS [HOLLY AND ALL]

DISCUSSION	<p>Holly announced that since the TCSG restructuring, all substantive changes still must be reported in the PROBE. However, there is now a Presidential subcommittee who will decide what should be presented to the presidents' council for discussion and approval, then to the Board. This has lengthened the time required to make any changes. TCSG has a new Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner along with several other new administrators.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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[DISCUSSION OF NEW CURRICULUM]

[60 MINS]

[ALL]

DISCUSSION	<p>Medical terminology was discussed in regards to it is already deleted from the Chattahoochee curriculum and feelings were expressed that if an applicant has not taken the course, they will not be a competitive applicant. It was expressed that medical terminology should be re-instated as a required part of the curriculum. It was suggested that the subject should be embedded early within each program and that there is some proof that students who take terminology perform better in anatomy.</p> <p>Ellen explained the differences in an integrated program and a one plus one. Chattahoochee is currently a one plus one, Athens Tech is an integrated program, but would like to change to one plus one.</p> <p>Ellen wants to go on record for being in favor of adding Medical Terminology back into the PTA curriculum. Holly states that TCSG strongly encourages curriculum change requests to occur after a two year time period due to allowing a cohort to complete the present curriculum before adopting changes. In addition to the longer time required for the probe process, there is not enough time to adopt new changes before a new cohort for this upcoming fall semester. It may be possible to manipulate the minutes within a course to insert content. However, the state PTA curriculum is already cut to 76 hours, so classes do not have any extra time to add material without making it a true addition back into the curriculum. Ellen believes that adding the course as a prerequisite might be seen as a negative by applicants unless all colleges make the change, although the 2 hour credit may assist students in reaching the full time student status which help with financial aid. Dan states that as long as the course is listed as a prerequisite in the course catalog, financial aid will still apply. Holly states that perhaps, in light of the fact that an official change would take 2 years to institute, and that maybe at this time it makes more sense to apply bonus points to the applicants who have already taken med term. Holly states that in anticipation of making a change in the future, each program should bring supporting evidence for why the course should be added back such as advisory committee support for adding the course back, or support that students who have the course perform better in the program. Stephanie is also in support for adding the medical terminology back to the state PTA curriculum.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding status of pre-PTA students. Chattahoochee has a designated Health Care advisor Holly stated that there are 2 TCSG colleges wanting to start new programs- Coastal Pines and Augusta Tech. Ellen explained the current rigorous CAPTE requirements for beginning a new program, and Holly stated that on average 16 programs will be considered per year by CAPTE. (as told to her by a dean at Coastal Pines, and that Coastal Pines will possibly be on the CAPTE agenda for 2016.)</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	Once the 2 year period of time for the new curriculum is reached, the committee will readdress adding Medical Term back to the curriculum.	
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NEW BUSINESS]

[15 MINS]

[ALL]

DISCUSSION	<p>Athens Tech and Chattahoochee will both start their first cohort with the new curriculum this fall. Possible date for next meeting: Spring 2016.</p> <p>Discussion occurred to update program standards on competencies with program accreditation standards in the near future.</p>	
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COMMENTS / SPECIAL NOTES RESOURCE PERSONS SPECIAL NOTES	Possible meeting for next Spring 2016
MEETING ADJOURNED	Friday, April 10, 2015]
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Diana Carman - Athens Tech