

Academic Administrators Special Interest Group (AASIG)
Business Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2002

I. Call to Order - 9:00am

II. Approval of Minutes from Spring AASIG Meeting - no opposition to minutes as written.

III. Informational Reports

A. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy - Mark Lane presented "What*s New with NPTE?". Four areas were discussed:

1. Job Analysis and New Content Outline - this was completed Feb 2002 using Guide terminology and trying to avoid redundancies. Differences in terminology, task lists, and rating scales made comparisons difficult. The preliminary comparison showed very minor differences for entry-level (professional) practice. Diagnosis was documented for the first time, and diathermy, microwave, shortwave, infrared, and ultraviolet were eliminated. FSBPT will be able to provide content feedback to candidates and schools.

2. Pass Point Study - completed in July 2002. Used criterion-referenced method that relies on expert judgment to establish new pass point relative to new content outline. 600 is still passing point. The process of determining the cut score was described.

3. Item Exposure on the internet - Discovered in late July, action was taken with the site and warning letter to schools. Action has been taken to prevent the use of "scratch paper" for notes during testing, an insert in the candidate handbook, and a plan was developed for monitoring and continued investigation. Ways for schools to help were provided.

4. School Pass Rate Reports - the new report will be by graduation class, be sent in August and February, record 3 graduation class years, results per graduation class to be updated each time new report is generated. Pass rates are to be made public 1 -2 months after schools have checked for accuracy. Three year cumulative data sent to CAPTE. First time pass rate on FSBPT site. Future reports will provide category feedback for programs, reports will be on-line and accessible at all times. Basic report will be free, other types of reports will be provided for a fee.

5. Discussed the need to keep relationship between FSBPT, APTA and Section on Education even when do not always agree.

6. Mr. Lane answered questions regarding expert judgment for validation of questions, item exposure and the definition of "recall" questions, cost of FSBPT special reports (approximately \$400), first time versus three year report available to public, student accommodations, the sufficiency of the test bank items, and PTA difficulty levels.

B. CAPTE - Mary Jane Harris expressed appreciation for call for comments on criteria. Discussed work on the minimal data set and minimal outcomes activity, the directory to for educational programs which is converting to a data base with a U.S. map for easy access and links to schools which can be updates weekly by email, and the Fact Sheet to be available soon.

C. PT Foundation - Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge - Babette Sanders reported on behalf of officers of the Foundation for support for the Challenge. Since 1989 \$542,000 has

been collected by students. She also discussed the discrepancy in the Awards Packet information regarding Mary McMillan scholarships. (This report followed New Business Item B.)

IV. Reports

A. Chair

B. Vice Chair Kristin von Nieda announced that attendance for the AASIG meeting was 196. (The group recognized her for her efforts in preparing the meeting.) Call for nomination for vice-chair (none received at the meeting).

V. Old Business - Diane Jette reported on the definition of a terminal degree. Data was collected on the DPT as an appropriate terminal degree for promotion/tenure. Marsha Melnick indicated that the AASIG attendees had answered as follows:

Tenure Yes No Don*t Know

PT 15 29 15

PTA - 1 3

Promotion

PT 24 20 15

PTA 1 - 2

Marsha reported on findings related to medicine, optometry, pharmacy and the JD degree. California the DPT has been determined in court to be an entry-level degree only. Steve Tepper asked about a CAPTE policy. Mike Emory reported the intent to have a white paper soon. However, he indicated that other criteria such as advanced training, specialization, clinical teaching will be considered; the DPT alone will not likely be a qualifier. CAPTE will state roles of faculty, institutions will decide their own policies. (This report was given after Informational Report on PT Foundation.)

VI. New Business

A. Laurie Hack reported on Applicant Pool/ Admissions survey results. She offered the caveat that some problems had occurred and the data may not be totally accurate.

PTA 257 surveys - 75 responses - 36% response rate

PT 198 surveys - 85 responses - 47% response rate

Survey result handouts will be posted on Section*s web site.

Agreed to include information on transitional DPT programs next year.

B. David Lake and Steve Tepper attended the National Association of Advisors of Health Professions and reported that advisors were hopeful that we would develop uniform

admissions standards and procedures and an application handbook. David moved that the AASIG Board ask the Section Board to study issues involved in uniform admissions standards and process for freshmen-admit and post-baccalaureate programs and report by 2003 CSM and final report at AASIG 2003. Was amended to have a plan developed. Discussion centered on the various issues of similar pre-requisites, costs to applicants, observation hours, etc. Texas (public PT) schools accomplished this task several years ago. Laurie replied that pre-requisites will probably be determined by expert opinion by CSM and then probable participation will need to be determined.

C. Meeting Next Year - suggestion to continue to collaborate with APTA Diversity activity. Several cities were suggested and will be discussed with APTA. New York representatives thanked the AASIG for coming and APTA responded that the state had given wonderful support for the meeting.

(New Business resumed after Old Business)

C. Jim Gordon asked about the possibility of moving the business meeting earlier since people often have to catch planes on Sunday morning.

D. Sandy Quillen moved that the AASIG Board recommend to NPTE that 3 year pass rates be reported to the public rather than first time takers. Discussion followed and the motion failed.

VII. Announcements

A. Email or call with topic suggestions for future meetings.

B. Pediatrics and Neurologic Sections planning Three-step conference and looking for host in the summer of 2004.

C. Self-study workshop for PT educators begins at 2:00.

D. Editorial board for the Journal will hold a one-half day session on writing for the journal, evidence-based practice and updates writing at PT2003.

VIII. Adjournment - 12:15pm

With the consent of the group, the agenda was prioritized by topics since some attendees needed to leave. The minutes are provided in the outline form of the agenda with notations when reports or information came at different points in the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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