



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

Board Report

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Required Information:

Title: Summary of RIPPT activities

Please identify how this should be categorized on the agenda

Consent (*informational, no discussion needed*)

Discussion (*requires discussion/decision by the board*)

Description:

On May 4, in response to a request from RIPPT for a Task Force to address the shortage of research physical therapy faculty, the ACAPT Board of Directors charged the RIPPT consortium to develop a task force to address the mounting problem of too few US trained DPTs applying to PhD (or equivalent) programs to be trained as researchers. Board member Rick Segal, liaison to RIPPT, conveyed the message and form for requesting the Task Force, and the Board approved the task force charter. After a general call and request for nominations for Task Force members in July, recommendations are now made to the council. This task force will gather evidence and present solutions with a final report to be presented to the Board at the 2018 ELC or Nov. 15, 2018 council meeting. The following people were nominated and selected for the task force. They will be invited to join, pending approval from the ACAPT Board. Efforts were made to provide a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives in membership. Recommendations with rationale for membership representation:

Name	Institution or Affiliation	Rationale
John Buford, PT, PhD	The Ohio State University	Co-chair, RIPPT leader, surveyed programs
Debby Givens, PT, PhD	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Co-chair, RIPPT Vice Chair (elect)
Michael R. Borich, DPT, PhD	Emory University	New faculty, mentor, on Foundation SRC
Jennifer Stevens-Lapsley, PT, PhD	University of Colorado School of Medicine	Director PhD program, NIH funded researcher, already working on DPT student recruitment efforts
Stuart Binder-Macleod, PT, PhD	University of Delaware	Liaison to Foundation for PT, long history with RIPPT, NIH training grants
Catherine Lange, PT, PhD	Washington University in St. Louis	Chair NIH Study Section, T32 training grant experience, PhD program director
Denise Gobert, PT, PhD	Texas State University	Faculty researcher in program that is not considered research intensive

Tricia Austin, PT, PhD, ATC	Saint Louis University	Program director in an aspirational program for increased research intensity
Elizabeth Regan, PT, PhD, OCS	University of South Carolina	PhD student in an aspirational program
Abbigail Fietzer, PT, DPT	University of Southern California	PhD student in a research intensive program
Robin Watson Ellerbee	APTA	VP of Research

- RIPPT business meeting at ELC will be on Friday Oct. 15, 5-6:30pm. RIPPT will present “Pathways to the PhD: The Future of the Academy” at ELC on Saturday Oct. 14, 10:30am-noon. RIPPT will also present “Reach for the Stars: Faculty Research Development ” at 2018 CSM.
- RIPPT will support [Jennifer Stevens-Lapsley](#) and [Mike Bede \(University of Colorado\)](#) at the 2017 Student Conclave to recruit students for PhD programs and academia.

If this is a Discussion item, please identify:

If you are requesting a **motion**, state it here:

If you wish only to make **recommendation**, please state it here:

Recommend that those proposed to be members of the task force to address the shortage of research faculty be approved.

Strategic Goals it helps to achieve - *useful when it becomes necessary for the board to decide which projects to continue and which projects are discarded or postponed:*

Check and Prioritize	Current ACAPT Goals
3	1. ACAPT will lead the exploration and creation of best practice standards in academic physical therapy
2	2. ACAPT will lead the evaluation and implementation of best practices for academic physical therapy.
1	3. ACAPT will identify and cultivate the resources to achieve excellence in academic physical therapy.