

**American Physical Therapy Association**

**Academic Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes**

February 7, 2012  
Chicago, Hilton Chicago, Astoria room

Present:

Leslie Portney, DPT, PhD, FAPTA	President
Terry Nordstrom, PT, EdD	Vice President
David L Somers, PhD, PT	Secretary
Nancy B. Reese, PT, PhD, MHSA	Treasurer
James R. Carey, PhD, PT	Director
Susan S. Deusinger PT, PhD, FAPTA	Director
Diane U. Jette, PT, DSc	Director
Thomas P. Mayhew, PT, PhD	Director
Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, SCS, FAPTA	Director

Staff:

Lisa Ruane	Sr. Director, Member and Component Relations
Lisa McLaughlin	Component Governance and Leadership Specialist

Guests:

Janet Bezner, PT, PhD	Vice President, Education and Governance
Mary Jane Harris, PT, MS	Director, CAPTE
Mandy Frohlich	Senior Director, Government Affairs, APTA
Jodi Frost, PT, DPT, PhD	Lead Academic Affairs Specialist, APTA
Peggy Gleeson, PT, PhD	President, Education Section, APTA
Libby Ross, M.A	Director, Academic Affairs, APTA
Shawne E. Soper, PT, DPT, MBA	Speaker of the House
Colleen Sullivan, DPT	President, Student Assembly

A regular meeting of the Academic Council (AC) Board of Directors was called to order by President Leslie Portney at 12:42 PM (Eastern Time).

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Nine of nine board members attending, a quorum was present.

**FINAL – PASSED (Somers)**

**V-1 That the minutes from January 6, 2012 Board of Director's meeting be accepted.**

Support Statement:

No corrections, objections or amendments were offered to the draft minutes.

### **DISCUSSION OF GOAL TO "ESTABLISH INFLUENCE AND INTERPRET LEGISLATION AND POLICY RELATED TO ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY"**

Mandy Frohlich reported on legislation and policy issues in which the AC might want to become involved. Those issues and relevant observations were student loans, workforce issues and graduate student loan subsidies.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATION SECTION**

Discussion about collaborations with the education section occurred. The board would support partnering with the Section to offer new faculty/program director educational sessions each year prior to or during ELC. The board also supports AC funding (e.g. via an AC grant) an ELI student upon completion of an AC project/initiative.

### **UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CAPTE**

Mary Jane Harris provided a review of relevant issues associated with CAPTE. Topics presented and discussed were financial or complete separation of CAPTE from APTA, AC representation on CAPTE central panel, reducing information on CAPTE's Web site about programs to accreditation-only issues, the possibility of a CAPTE requirement to post reasons for positive accreditation decisions and the process by which new programs are being considered.

### **COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY**

Colleen Sullivan introduced The Loop. Strategies for increasing communication between the assembly, the core ambassadors, representatives and faculty were discussed. The AC newsletter will contain a student assembly section. The assembly will consider forming a webpage to replace hardcopy mailings to schools for recruitment.

### **THANKS TO LISA RUANE**

Leslie expressed the deep gratitude of the BOD for Lisa's service. While we welcome Lisa McLaughlin, we will surely miss Lisa Ruane.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Nancy Reese presented the income/expenses associated with 2011 ELC and 2011 financial report (ATTACHMENT 1).

### **DISCUSSION OF APTA SECTION RESOURCES FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Several sections have produced recommendations for entry-level curriculum development. The board respects these contributions, but believes the AC should be involved in the development of such recommendations. See DISCUSSION TO UPDATE AND PRIORITIZE STRATEGIC PLAN below for further information.

### **APTA BOD REPORT**

Shawne Soper described the report from the governance review group and the timing of how the report will be handled by the APTA prior to the 2013 HOD. Janet Bezner described the restructuring of APTA staff with regard to the education unit.

### **DISCUSSION TO UPDATE AND PRIORITIZE STRATEGIC PLAN**

The survey on the strategic plan indicated the board endorsed the goals with the exception of establishing a board liaison for every member program. Prominent issues to be addressed within each strategic planning goal were discussed.

#### *Cultural transformation*

The major issue revolves around clinical education. Dave will have an initial discussion with Susan Meyer from AACP to further explore the Institute model used by pharmacy and whether or not she would be able to serve as a facilitator. If she is willing, Dave, Jim, Tom, and Terry will serve as a committee with her to decide how best to move this issue forward. We are to produce a timeline for forming the AC recommendation. Goal: ELC 2013 for recommendations to be complete.

#### *Excellence*

The task force on excellence compiled the information from ELC 2011 into the categories that Diane distributed (ATTACHMENT 2). It was decided to devote two hours to this topic at ELC 2012. Following ELC the mechanisms described in the attached document can be used to gather and disseminate available data.

#### *Integrated community*

The task force developing procedures for consortia and sub councils has prioritized consortia development with a focus on clinical education. There will be a very solid procedure and template established for consortia development and petitions would be approved by the AC BOD. The year-long internship group of schools and residencies are other possibilities for consortia development.

#### *Communication*

Dave presented an estimate of a website that would support the AC. One estimate provided was \$60,500 upfront cost and \$4500 annually. Lisa McLaughlin will send Dave some RFP templates to solicit additional bids. These bids will be submitted to the APTA BOD.

### **AGENDA ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

The agenda was reviewed, altered and approved.

## **DISCUSSION OF PREREQUISITES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION**

It was decided that we would form a task force to make recommendations about prerequisite courses at ELC 2012. Volunteers for the task force will be solicited Thursday night and electronically.

## **RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**

Some residency programs have approached Leslie expressing an interest in AC involvement. Terry and Tom will consider this as they work on establishing the procedures for consortia and sub councils. Terry or Tom may invite someone from the residency community to speak with the board.

## **AC BOD LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS TO SECTIONS**

The board decided that we would reach out to sections by assigning a BOD member to serve as a liaison to each group. Barb indicated she would draft a letter for us to ensure consistency of communication. Specific assignments were:

- Diane acute care and research
- Susie neurology and aquatic
- Tom cardiopulmonary and sports
- Dave clinical electrophysiology and women's health
- Leslie education and pediatrics
- Barb federal and orthopedics
- Jim geriatrics and home health
- Terry oncology and hand
- Nancy private practice and health policy administration

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FSBPT will have four testing dates in 2013. The board has asked FSBPT to investigate individual states with regard to whether or not the test can be taken before graduation and whether or not there are mechanisms for temporary licensure within a state that may not exist under the temporary licensure terminology. The FSBPT was also informed of saturated testing centers and the difficulty students are experiencing in finding openings to take the test.

## **NEXT MEETINGS (ALL EST)**

### *Board of Directors*

Conference Call	March 15, 2012	1:00-3:00 PM
Conference Call	April 26, 2012	1:00-3:00 PM
Conference Call	May 29, 2012	10:00 AM-12:00 PM

At Annual Conference  
At ELC

June 7, 2012  
Day prior to ELC (10/4)

TBD (hold am open 4hrs)  
TBD (hold day open)

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Somers  
Secretary