

Community College *of* Philadelphia

MEETING MINUTES
Sub-Committee on Curriculum
September 13, 2012
3:30 PM, Room M2-34

Committee Members Present

Presiding: Dr. S. Thompson

ADMINISTRATION		FEDERATION	STUDENT	GUEST	
<i>Appointees</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternate</i>	
M. McGorry	E. Freeny	J. Howe	E. Ferguson	F. Wu	F. DiRosa
M. Celenza	P. Watkins	D. Renshaw	K. Garcia		
C. Porter		J. Tannenbaum	C. Hoffman		
			N. Mendez		

1. Election of Committee Chair

S. Thompson welcomed the attendees, asked all members to introduce themselves, and explained the procedures for electing a Chair for the Committee. M. McGorry made a motion to nominate S. Thompson as Committee Chair. C. Hoffman seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Committee members reviewed the April 12, 2012, minutes; M. Celenza made a motion to accept the minutes. J. Howe noted the omission of a course number for CIS 100 on page 2 of the minutes. M. Celenza amended her motion to approve the minutes to include the necessary correction on page 2, and N. Mendez seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

4. New Business

Discussion: Proposal for Revision of the A.A. S. degree in Chemical Technology
Action: M. Celenza explained that the revision to the Chemical Technology degree was necessary because the number of credits of PTEC 101 was increased from 3 to 4 credits. Consequently, the total number of credits for the degree increased from 62 to 63. S. Thompson moved to accept the revision of the Chemical Technology degree as presented; M. McGorry seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously accepted the proposal.

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Discussion: Proposal for A.A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant

Action: M. Celenza explained how health careers at the College are beneficial to the students and the community. The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program was developed because there are jobs available locally and in the region. The program provides opportunities for our students. J. Howe asked about the faculty who were hired for the program. M. Celenza reported that faculty were hired to write the curriculum. Also, to pursue accreditation, a program director was hired. F. Wu asked how many faculty would teach the courses. M. Celenza responded that more than one faculty member will teach in the program. F. DiRosa reported that students can take some of the courses while they are waiting to be accepted into the program, which is a select program. J. Howe asked if the courses for the program would be offered at the Northeast Regional Center. M. Celenza responded, yes, and that some of the courses required for the PTA program are required in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

M. Celenza reported that there is a need for PTAs because for insurance purposes it is less expensive to hire a PTA than a physical assistant. Also, there are few PTA programs in the area and a need for a strong pool of PTAs. C. Porter asked how a student would acquire the required clock hours for the program. M. Celenza and F. DiRosa both reported that the program faculty will give students the contact information to shadow an employee on the job, which will allow the students to acquire the 20 hours similar to how the faculty work with the students interested in the DMI program.

S. Thompson made a motion to accept the proposal for the new program; C. Porter seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously accepted the proposal.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.