

**Palm Beach State College
Business Partnership Council
(PBSC-BPC) Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, September 18, 2014 6:30-8:00PM

Location:

Pampas Grill
651 Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Call to Order

Introduction and Welcome, Robert M. Kershner, MD, MS, FACS, Medical Director OMT Program, PBSC-BPC

Old Business:

None

Waiving of the Reading of Previous Minutes

New Business:

- I. The OMT Program welcomes the entering Class of 2016
- II. Curriculum Change
- III. Upcoming CoA-OMP Accreditation Site Review
- IV. Upcoming ATPO-JCAHPO Meeting Chicago, October 17-23
- V. Graduating Seniors-follow-up job placement, JCAHPO Certification Exams,
Practice and Graduate Surveys
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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Attendance:

32 invited members of the Palm Beach County Ophthalmology Society were present including 14 members of the Palm Beach State College Ophthalmic Medical Technology Business Partnership Council (PBSC-BPC).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by the Palm Beach County Ophthalmological Society President, Michael Connor, M.D.. Dr. Connor introduced Dr. Robert M. Kershner, Ophthalmic Surgeon and Professor, Palm Beach State College. Dr. Kershner provided a follow-up regarding the 14 graduating seniors of the Class of 2014. He announced that of the 14 graduates, 8 students received scholarships to take the JCAHPO certifying examinations and all of the students who took the certification exams passed with flying colors and became certified. All of the graduates obtained employment and some were fortunate enough to receive more than one offer. For those practices desiring to have an intern or graduate employee, be patient, he said, more students are on the way. There is an excellent entering class of 2016 in addition to those senior class of 2015 students who are presently in the clinics.

Dr. Kershner described the upcoming accreditation process by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs (CoA-OMP). He noted that the program passed scrutiny for its self-study application in May and that a site visit is scheduled for November 3, 2014. He further mentioned that the college budgetary process for the OMT Department's request for another fulltime faculty member appears to be on track.

Item 1 on the Agenda: The OMT program proudly welcomed 13 members for the Class of 2016. The students are well-engaged in the basic science courses at present. The OMT Class of 2015 seniors are all placed in clinical sites for this semester and will be rotating to additional sites for next semester.

Item 2 on the Agenda: Dr. Kershner acknowledged that the most important business that needs to be addressed at this meeting, is the BPC's approval of the following program curriculum change. This is not a substantive change to the program's curriculum, but rather a reassignment of the clinical rotations in view of the previous approved curriculum schedule change for the two courses, OPT2375

Refractometry and OPT2375L Refractometry Lab which were moved to the third, summer session semester.

The following changes need to be approved by the BPC prior to approval by the College's Health Science Cluster and Curriculum Committee:

- OPT1330 credit change from 3 to 2 credits
- OPT2500 credit change from 3 to 2 credits
- OPT2940 credit change from 4 to 2 credits, moved to YI SIII, Summer
- OPT2941 same credits, offered in YIISIV Fall
- OPT2942 new course, 4 credits, offered YIISV Spring

There was a brief discussion on the need for the change, which was explained to attendees, as needed to assure additional clinical hours and to provide three separate semesters for clinical rotations. There being no additional discussion, the proposal was put to a vote with all in favor, no dissension, and was passed.

Item 3 on the Agenda: Dr. Kershner invited the BPC president to join the site review team as it meets with the CoA-OMP site reviewers on November 3rd. He agreed to provide follow-up on the decision of the accreditation body at the next meeting.

Item 4 on the Agenda: Dr. Kershner noted that members of the Class of 2015 and 2016 were planning on attending and taking courses at the JCAHPO-ATPO ACE combined program at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Chicago in October of 2014.

Item 5 on the Agenda: Dr. Kershner discussed the graduating seniors and stressed the importance of each clinical practice to take the time to fill out the online graduate employment surveys.

There be no further business to conduct, the PBSC-BPC meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The PBCOS educational dinner meeting followed.

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Robert M. Kershner, MD- Acting Executive Secretary

Members of the PBSC-BPC

Present:

Robert M. Kershner, MD
Michael Connor, MD
Richard Margolies, MD
Peter Lowe, MD
Kevin Kelly, MD
Lauren Rosecan, MD
Louis Mark, MD
Michael Levine, MD
Adrian Lavina, MD
Alan Shuster MD

Thomas Coffman, MD
Michael Patipa, MD
Craig Skolnick, MD
David Goldman, MD

Absent:

Edgar Caceres, MD
Jack Daubert, MD
Mark Werner, M.D.
Matthew D. Kay, M.D.
Jeffrey Siegal, M.D.

Paul D. Rosenblum, M. D.
Peter A. Rubin, M.D.
David Mittleman, MD

Brad Oren, MD
Peter Rubin, MD
Brad Simon, MD