

**ACAPT**  
**Early Assurance BS/DPT Program Consortium**  
**ELC Virtual Conference October 18, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Welcome and Introductions of each member institution present: (Lora Packel, Kim Ferreira, Joni Barry, Julia Chevan, Scott Davis, Justin Berry, Jennifer Mai, Ivan Mulligan, Beth Ennis, Lisa Shoaf, Jill Heitzman, Susan Barker, Michael Fink, Cheryl Hall, Lisa Dorsey, Brandon Koehler, Diane Slaughter, Nancy Byl).
- II. Update on prior initiatives. We have completed a list of DPT programs that are offering some version of EA program. The survey of programs was slow to get off the ground, now working on survey development with the help of Kim Ferreira, Elizabeth Oakley at Andrews University and their student research group. Once finalized it will be sent to all program directors of EA programs with the goal of generating resources on the various models of EA programs that can be added to the ACAPT resources site and the consortium website.
- III. Lengthy discussion on the value of the consortium and goals. Members voiced importance of the consortium to address potential issues that might impact EA programs, address unique needs related to ACAPT/CAPTE; value of community, peer support /mentorship. Timing of meetings relative to the ACAPT Business meeting has been problematic, will establish virtual quarterly meetings and plan one meeting in advance of ELC to discuss upcoming ACAPT motions and potential impact on EA programs. Need for centralized data collection on programs for benchmarking. Several initiatives for the Board of Directors are listed in action items below. Communication challenges were identified, will work with ACAPT on improving access to members, creating an ACAPT discussion forum similar to the Clinical Education forum. Members identified increased participation if only tasked with a working group on a specific topic.
- IV. Topics of interest to the consortium for small working groups.
  - a. Advocacy (for consortium to ACAPT motions, CAPTE regulations)
  - b. SOTL (need for data, benchmarking, definitions, etc.)
  - c. Internal enhancement (advancement of the consortium)
  - d. Program support (admissions, student support, DEI issues)
- V. Consortium officers: We had several people agree to fill vacancies outlined on the agenda. Discussed the current ACAPT structure and the challenges it creates for the consortium.
  - a. Chair-Kim Coleman-Ferreira (1<sup>st</sup> term 2020-2023)
  - b. Vice Chair- Lora Packel, University of the Sciences (1<sup>st</sup> term 2019-2021)
  - c. Secretary-VACANT

- d. Nominating Committee:
  - i. Mary Palaima (1<sup>st</sup> term 2018-2021)
  - ii. Allison Hyingstrom (1<sup>st</sup> term 2020-2023)
  - iii. Michael Fink (1<sup>st</sup> term 2020-2022) if we make this a 2 year term then we will only have one person roll off the committee at one time. Always opportunities to renew for another term.
  
- VI. Other business-brief discussion on CAPTE self-study issues, CAPTE AAR admission info does not really capture EA admission in a meaningful manner.

ACTION ITEMS:

- I. Topics to bring to the ACAPT board:
  - a. Current consortium structure and the challenges it creates. Consider ad hoc groups in lieu of some roles.
  - b. Need for benchmarking data collection that will capture unique aspects of EA programs.
  - c. Request to develop an EA discussion forum on the ACAPT website
  - d. Contributions to the ACAPT Strategic Plan:
    - i. Data collection for benchmarking inclusive of EA programs
    - ii. Communication strategies to consortia membership, ease of use for members
    - iii. Increasing student choice in DPT education to be inclusive of EA models
- II. Working group development:
  - a. Advocacy-Jill Heitzman
  - b. SOTL-current survey development for EA information-Mike Fink, Ivan Mulligan