AOTA
ACREDITATION COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION
(ACOTE®)

Minutes

November 30-December 2, 2018

Members Present
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Beth Cada
Patty Coker-Bolt
Mary Ferraro
Donald Frega
Cyndi Fuchs
Candace Ganz (Public Member)
Alex Jawharjian (Public Member)
Lynn Kilburg
Sherry Kolodziejczak
Mark Kovic
Vanna Lombardi-Gillies
Bruce Marshall (Public Member)
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Renee Ortega
Debra Ouellette
Sheri Purdy
Ketki Raina
Laura Rea
Kelli Reiling Ott
Pam Roberts
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Barbara Seguine
Doug Simmons

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San Antonio, Texas

AOTA Staff Participants
Sabrina Salvant
Director of Accreditation

Barbara Ostrove
Assistant Director of Accreditation

Angelica Grigsby
Accreditation Program Manager, Logistics Support
## CALL TO ORDER
The ACOTE Roster was routed for correction. The Conflict of Interest Policy and the Working Rules of the Day were briefly reviewed.

## MINUTES REVIEW

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #1)**
M/S/P Approve the Minutes of the August 2-5, 2018 ACOTE meeting as written.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #2)**
M/S/P Approve the Summary of Discussion of the August 2-5, 2018 ACOTE meeting as written.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #3)**
M/S/P Approve the Confidential Minutes of the August 2-5, 2018 ACOTE meeting as written.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #4)**
M/S/P Approve the August 20, 2018 ACOTE Conference Call Minutes as written.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #5)**
M/S/P Approve the September 5, 2018 ACOTE Conference Call Minutes as written.

## DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RAISED IN REVIEW GROUPS

1. **Candidacy Applications and Cohort Sizes**
   **ACOTE CHARGE: (S. SALVANT)**
   Develop draft language for insertion into all candidacy/preaccreditation action letters regarding the approval of cohort numbers for accreditation and the process for seeking approval for an increase.
   
   **RESPONSIBLE:** S. Salvant

2. **Abbreviated On-Site Visits**
   **ACOTE CHARGE: (S. SALVANT)**
   Develop template language to pre-populate the ROSE for abbreviated site visits.
   
   **RESPONSIBLE:** S. Salvant

3. **Motion Form Revisions**
   **ACOTE CHARGE: (S. SALVANT)**
   Revise motion form templates to change the “Yes/No” box to “On/Off” the consent agenda.
   
   **RESPONSIBLE:** S. Salvant

4. **Composite Report Templates for Candidacy and Preaccreditation Reviews**
   **ACOTE CHARGE: (S. SALVANT)**
   Include instructions and the appropriate composite report template when sending candidacy and preaccreditation review assignments.
   
   **RESPONSIBLE:** S. Salvant

## REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDAS

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #30)**
M/S/P Adopt Consent Agenda #1-Reports of On-Site Evaluation as amended.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #50)**
M/S/P Adopt Consent Agenda #2-Reports of Candidacy Review and Reports of Preaccreditation Review as amended.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #77)**
M/S/P Adopt Consent Agenda #3-Program Director Credentials as amended.

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #113)**
M/S/P Adopt Consent Agenda #4-Plans of Correction, Progress Reports, and Other Reports as amended.

## REPORT – CANDIDACY COMMITTEE

**ACOTE ACTION: (Motion #67)**
M/S/P Accept Candidacy Committee recommendations as amended to include a requirement for administration to attend a workshop/training.

**ACOTE CHARGE: (S. SALVANT)**
Draft a policy and procedure related to the revised candidacy application process for approval at the April 2019 meeting, with an effective date of July 1, 2019. Programs due to submit a candidacy application after July 1, 2019, must meet the required steps for approval. Include a caveat for those programs that have already submitted a Letter of Intent.

**RESPONSIBLE:** S. Salvant
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<td><strong>REPORT – ADDITIONS/CHANGES AND DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE</strong></td>
<td><strong>ACOTE ACTION:</strong> (Motion #179) M/P Rescind the new ACOTE Policy IV.B.5. “Distance Education” adopted in August 2018.</td>
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<td><strong>ACOTE ACTION:</strong> (Motion #180) M/P Adopt the revised ACOTE Policy IV.B.1. “Additions or Changes” as amended.</td>
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<td><strong>ACOTE CHARGE:</strong> (ADDITIONS/CHANGES AND DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE) Continue with revisions to the draft ACOTE Policy IV.B.5. “Distance Education” and present a draft to ACOTE for approval at the April 2019 meeting.</td>
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**ACOTE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Allow for New OTM Program Applications (AIP E.3)**
   
   **ACOTE ACTION:** (Motion #181) M/P Reaffirm the determination to not allow for new OTM applications pending a resolution of the mandate by the RA.

2. **Revisions to Policy IV.A.3, "Accreditation Actions" (AIP E.4)**
   
   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Revise the language of the exit interview script to comport with current accreditation policy.

3. **OTA/OTM Transition Policy (AIP E.1)**
   
   **ACOTE ACTION:** (Motion #183) M/P Adopt the revised ACOTE Policy IV.B.4. Transitioning Education Levels as drafted.

   **ACOTE ACTION:** (Motion #184) M/P Allow OTA-B transitioning programs to bypass the queue for new programs.

   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Gather data regarding the workload capacity of ACOTE, RAE, and staff to determine if a cap on the number of new programs reviewed per cycle is necessary and provide the data to ACOTE at the August 2019 meeting.

4. **Abbreviated Interim Report, Self-Study, and 1-Day Site Visit for Transitioning OTM and OTA Programs (AIP E.2)**
   
   **ACOTE ACTION:** (Motion #185) M/P Revise ACOTE Policy IV.B.4. Transitioning Education Levels to include abbreviated review for OTA programs transitioning to the baccalaureate degree level.

   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Ensure that all ACOTE policies reflect the language of the 2018 ACOTE Standards.

5. **Grandfathering of Faculty in OTM/OTA Programs and Rationale for 2018 Standard A.2.7, Faculty Degrees (AIP E.5)**
   
   **ACOTE ACTION:** (Motion #186) M/P Approve the addition of language in the 2018 Standards Interpretive Guide for Standard A.2.2 to clarify that practice is considered either in OTA clinical practice or OTA education.

   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Provide problem-solving options to OTA programs on how to meet the requirements for faculty composition, update the self-study workshop content, and include in other workshops.

   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Provide the rationale established by the ESRC in response to the letter from Washington University in St. Louis requesting justification of ACOTE’s position on OTD Standard A.2.7. Faculty Degrees.

6. **B Content Standards Document Upload Allotment (AIP E.6)**
   
   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Determine the cost for enhancement of the eAccreditation system to allow for additional document upload for content Standards and include in the next accreditation budget.

   **ACOTE CHARGE:** (S. SALVANT) Collaborate with the AOTA Education Department to confirm instructions for the program director to include additional uploads in the eAccreditation system and reference in the narrative statement.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 2, 2018.