November 18, 2011

Susan Desmond-Hellmann, MD  
Office of the Chancellor  
University of California, San Francisco  
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Dear Chancellor Desmond-Hellmann:

I have enclosed our Phase-out Plan for the Joint Doctor of Physical Therapy program with California State University, Fresno and the University of California, San Francisco. With the passing of AB2382 we will be offering the independent 3 year DPT this fall semester and therefore plan to phase out the joint DPT in spring 2014. I would appreciate if you would sign and return in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Department of Physical Therapy  
California State University, Fresno
Phase-out Plan for the Joint Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy  
California State University, Fresno and University of California, San Francisco

Background and Current Status of Remaining Students

The Joint Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy (DPT) was created jointly by California State University, Fresno and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in response to our profession’s Vision 2020 in 2006 that physical therapy would be provided by physical therapists who are doctors of physical therapy, recognized by consumers and other health care professionals as the practitioners of choice to whom consumers have direct access for the diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions, and environmental barriers related to movement, function, and health. This was followed by our National Commission on Accreditation in Physical therapy Education (CAPTE) recommending that all physical therapy programs confer the DPT degree to maintain accreditation. It was not until recently that this became a mandate for physical therapy licensure which was the impetus for passing of AB2382 to allow the CSU’s to offer an independent 3 year entry-level DPT. As a precursor, however, Fresno State implemented a joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State so that our students at Fresno State receiving the Masters of Physical Therapy (MPT) would have an opportunity to return for an additional 1 year to obtain the DPT. The purpose of the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State therefore was to expand the foundation of knowledge developed in the MPT Program at Fresno State and better prepare our students for the changing health care field.

The joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State is an additional 34 semester units of study following the 2 year MPT degree. With the implementation of the independent 3 year DPT taught solely at Fresno State, the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State program will be phased out. However, the students currently enrolled in the MPT program at Fresno State will be allowed to enter the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State. Thus, the last year to offer the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State will be 2013-2014. A memo requesting discontinuation of the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State was sent to the Chancellor’s Office Jan 16, 2011 (attachment). The number of students in the two remaining cohorts that will receive the MPT at Fresno State and would be eligible for the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State are 22 and 25 respectively. Based on past enrollment, we would anticipate approximately 12-15 students enrolling in the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State these next 2 years prior to discontinuation.

Phase out Plan of the Joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State

An agreement has been made with UCSF that the last class graduating class for the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State will be spring 2014.

During the transition from the joint DPT to the independent DPT program, additional part-time lecturers will be hired at Fresno State to cover content areas since implementation of new courses for the 3 year entry-level DPT will begin in fall 2012. And, because the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State involves individual research projects by the students, faculty at Fresno State will have heavier teaching loads during the transition until the joint DPT is discontinued (receive .48 WTU per student for the PT 298A/PT298B Mentored Clinical Research course in the joint DPT).
Transition from MPT-DPT to 3 year DPT and phase out of joint DPT

The table below summarizes the phase out plan for the joint DPT:

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* Last year to award MPT degree
**Last year to award joint DPT with UCSF

Teaching Load of UCSF and Fresno State

Curriculum in the joint DPT with UCSF/Fresno State will be slightly modified during these next two years since UCSF has started their 3 year entry level DPT program and phased out their joint DPT program with San Francisco State University last year. These modifications include two courses that had been taught by UCSF faculty will now be taught in Fresno by faculty employed at Fresno State (PHTH 293 Professional Colloquium I and PHTH 294 Professional Colloquium II). The class schedule for classes taught in San Francisco at UCSF has been modified slightly since we started the program in 2007, however Fresno State students have been able to accommodate. For example, a class that had been taught on Fri/Sat has been moved to Mondays in San Francisco.

UCSF/FRESNO STATE JOINT GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

POST-PROFESSIONAL DPT CURRICULUM

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Fiscal Resources

The current fiscal arrangement for program operations (office staff, supplies, etc.) for both campuses will remain in effect through the 2013/2014 academic year.

Approvals

As agents for our respective universities, we the undersigned agree to continue to fund the program through both fiscal resources and human resources to permit eligible students to complete the program as outlined above.

President John D. Welty
California State University, Fresno

Date

Susan Desmond-Hellmann, MD
UCSF Chancellor

Date