

Minutes
Hospitality & Tourism Management
Advisory Committee
11/03/21

Location: Virtual & Great Bay Distributing

Members Present:

Sandy Ho (Chairperson), Marilyn Browne, Theresa Afify, Michael Ewell, Ashley Giasone, Dan Babbitt, Kristina Alspaw, Nicolle Panuthos,

- 1. Greetings and Introductions the meeting began with greetings and introductions and was a follow up to the September meeting. The focus of this meeting was on curriculum.
- 2. Dean Duff shared an update on the status of the search for a new Dean of the College of Business and enrollment trends for the college and program.
- 3. Open Discussion: the discussion focused on the curriculum and members shared their thoughts regarding skills needed to be successful in the industry. There was discussion regarding the certifications available in the program. Mike Ewell pointed out that these certifications provided completion points for students in the program. The group supported the existing programming and suggested that SPC investigate restaurant management as a program. This might be appropriate once the new initiative at the Tarpon Springs campus comes online that will include a commercial grade kitchen.
- 4. The next Meeting will take place in February at a date to be determined. A representative from USF will be invited to attend and discuss partnership opportunities between the two institutions.