

St. Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
4/26/10

Minutes

Attending: Allison Sateren, Amy Brush, , Tom Lane, Gary Oswald,
 Duane Steward, Rhonda Valdez, Shirley Sabin, Rich Flora

Regrets: Ray Mobley, Brett Drysdale, Robert Barrett, Eric Petersen

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Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Review May 7, 2009 minutes	Move to approve Gary Oswald Second Rhonda Valdez	Approved
Enrollment	Discussed enrollment for AS and BAS programs. Interest in program continues to be very high – both on campus and online, AS and BAS.	Will limit on campus enrollment to 40-44 students. Found admitting 66 last fall was too many
Program Changes	Development of the four new courses for the lower division certificate is completed and the courses are now being offered.	
Graduation	Graduated 18 AS students at the December 2009 commencement, anticipate 36 graduates at the May 2010 commencement. Graduated 11 BAS students at	

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VTNE results	Discussed VTNE results. SPC pass rate remains above the national average. Test will be come computer based after the January 2010 administration.	Continue to evaluate course content, teaching effectiveness, and test performance.
New building	Land has been purchased for new building next to Pinellas County Animal Control on Ulmerton Road. Site preparation is to begin in early June and building construction to begin in August. Occupancy is planned for the fall 2011 semester.	Will advise when final ground breaking ceremony is scheduled in August.
New VT programs	New programs are being developed at Edison State College and Pensacola State College. No developments at Indian River State College or Santa Fe State College.	Host a meeting of program directors from all the current and planned veterinary technology programs in Florida
Equipment purchases	Perkins Grant money has been made available through Amy Brush which has added important equipment for our students' use.	Advisory board will review equipment list and make recommendations when closer to

		occupying new building
Labor market data	Job announcements still coming in, reports of slow down and some lay offs.	
Graduate placement	Placement continues to be 90% +	
Graduate and Employer Surveys	Graduate and employer surveys indicate both groups are very satisfied with the programs. Amy Brush reported that 40% return on employer surveys was very good.	Continue to monitor both surveys to determine areas where improvement might be needed.
Student Internships	New internship with Palm Beach Zoo.	Send list of internships to board members
BAS update	Enrollment very good. Nutrition course is approved and is being recommended by UF to meet their veterinary school admission requirement.	
“Second Life”	No new development	
Next meeting	Will be in April 2010. Attendance through teleconference will be an option.	Exact date to be determined in march 2010.

New Business

AVMA Site Visit	We are scheduled for our accreditation site visit in December 2010.	Site visit report will be distributed to board prior to submission. Board will meet with site team during visit.
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