

St. Petersburg College  
**Veterinary Technology Program**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**10/27/10**

**Minutes**

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

Regrets: Robert Barrett, Eric Petersen

**OLD BUSINESS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Recommendations</b>	<b>Action</b>
Review April 26, 2010 minutes	Move to approve Allison Sateren  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.	Admitted 52 on campus and 56 online students to the AS program in August. Admitted 25 BAS students. Total current enrollment now stands at 285 AS students and 119 BAS students.
Program Changes	Currently reviewing program courses to make sure “active learning” is being used and that the assessments being used are	

	<p>reliable, appropriate, and actually determine if our students are meeting the learning objectives for our courses. Implementation of active learning assignments and updated assessments will begin in January and be a continuing process.</p>	
Graduation	<p>Graduated 39 AS students at the May 2010 and 8 AS students at the July 2010 commencements. Graduated 15 BAS students at the May 2010 and 3 BAS students at the July 2010 commencements</p>	
VTNE results	<p>Discussed VTNE results. SPC pass rate remains above the national average. Test became computer based with the July 2010 administration. Will now be offered in March, July, and November each year for a 30 day period at each administration at Prometrics sites throughout the country.</p>	<p>Continue to evaluate course content, teaching effectiveness, and test performance.</p>
New building	<p>Construction is underway. Building completion is anticipated for June 2011. We will move into the building in July and be ready for classes to be held in August.</p>	<p>Committee will be invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony next summer.</p>
New VT programs	<p>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.</p>	<p>Host a meeting of program directors from all the current and planned</p>

		veterinary technology programs in Florida during the FVMA conference in Orlando in April.
Equipment purchases	Perkins Grant money has been made available through Amy Brush which has added important equipment for our students' use. Current need is an electrocautery unit. Also presented information on a laser surgical unit. Suggestion from committee to investigate therapeutic laser.	Voted to approve purchase of electrocautery unit. Will provide more information on laser surgical and therapeutic units.
Labor market data	Job announcements still coming in. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 55% increase in the number of veterinary technicians needed in Florida from 2006 – 2016.	
Graduate placement	Placement continues to be 97% +	
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. Try to increase the number of employer surveys to increase the

		sample size.
Student Internships	No new internships since April. Continuing to work with IDEXX labs and Mote Aquarium. Internship with TBVS should be completed soon.	Send list of internships to board members
BAS update	Enrollment very good. Nutrition and Animal Science courses are approved and being recommended by UF to meet their veterinary school admission requirement.	
Next meeting	Will be Friday, April 15, 2011 at noon. We will meet here at SPC, then go out for a tour of the new building.	

### New Business

Marketing	Asked committee members to think of ways to market our programs.	Ongoing project
Emerging areas of veterinary medicine	Asked committee members to identify emerging areas in veterinary medicine that should be included in our programs.	Ongoing. Dr. Steward suggested genetic mapping.
Course developers	Asked committee members to identify potential developers of the courses suggested above.	Dr Oswald suggested Dr Tom Miller to look at our

		Ophthalmology course for redesign..
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