

St. Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 10, 2014

Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Review Sept 12, 2013 minutes	Move to approve Stacey Weider Second Duane Steward	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.	Current enrollment is 142 campus and 191 online AS students, 125 BAS students. Are currently compiling applications for spring. Interest remains very strong
Program Changes	Gen ed prerequisite changes will take effect in fall. Curriculum changes recommended by faculty took effect this past fall.	Will monitor how changes affect enrollment and student performance on VTNE
Graduation	Graduated 87 AS students and 23 BAS students in 2012-13	

VTNE results	Discussed VTNE results. Concerned about campus pass rate. Increased work experience clinic requirements from 64 to 100 hours each semester.	Will monitor test performance to see how this change and the curriculum changes affect pass rate.
New VT programs	New program at Heritage College in Ft Meyers.	
Equipment purchases	No new equipment purchased recently	Asked committee to advise if new technology is being used so we can make sure our students are aware and can use.
Labor market data	Job announcements still coming in. Bureau of Labor Statistics continues to project a strong job outlook for veterinary technicians in Florida.	Continue to monitor job outlook.
Graduate placement	Placement continues to be 97% +.	Continue to monitor along with job market outlook and applications.
Graduate and Employer Surveys	Graduate surveys indicate our recent graduates are very satisfied with the programs. Employer survey return rate is very poor.	Discussed ways to increase employer response rates – incentives, sponsored surveys, provide as online survey. Will contact our department overseeing surveys to see how we can improve response.
BAS update	Enrollment continues to be strong No curriculum changes recently.	

Emerging areas of veterinary medicine	As we review our curriculum it will be very important to incorporate new technology and knowledge our students will need to be successful.	Inform us about new developments so we can make sure they are covered in our program.
Foreign experience opportunities	Exploring opportunities through Animal Exchange International	
State limitations	No change in the out-of-state requirements at this time. As a result, we are no longer offering our programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, and North Carolina.	Will continue to monitor situation.
Florida program director meeting	Will continue to meet annually.	Met at SPC in August

New Business

State credentialing of veterinary technicians	Letter sent to Dr. Bass, president of FVMA, outlining proposal to credential veterinary technicians in Florida. Letter was provided prior to meeting.	Will monitor for FVMA response
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