

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 26, 2016

Welcome

Review/Approve September 24, 2015 minutes

Move Jane

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Approved

Old Business

Curriculum Review

- VTNE review is being incorporated in ATE 2946 Work Practicum IV taken during the last semester in the program
 - The March-April administration will be the first since we implemented the review in 2946. Performance results should be available in the next 2-4 weeks.
- Suggested using a records management system for our own records
 - AVIMark will be implemented over the summer. All medical records will be in the system when fall semester begins. Students will be using the system daily.

Equipment suggestions

- Ventilator
 - In the process of obtaining a ventilator. Order should be placed within the next week.

NAVC Reception

- Suggested have a reception for veterinary technicians at the North American Veterinary Conference. Individual programs can have tables in the room. Find sponsors from veterinary related companies.
 - Was too late in the process to have the reception this past January. NAVTA is interested in helping plan the reception for next year's meeting. Estimate \$5,000 – 8,000 cost. Solicit donations from veterinary-related companies and vet tech programs.

Internships

- BluePearl is considering 1 year veterinary technician internships
 - Still in process as acquisition by Mars is still settling in.

Where are grads going?

- Determine where grads are going – general practice, referral/specialty
 - Currently trying to get this information by introducing graduating student survey in last semester courses

- Survey was added to 2946 this semester. Current graduating students will submit survey as they complete the course. Will summarize and distribute data.

New Business

Veterinary Assistant Certification

- Have submitted application to NAVTA to meet their requirements to embed a Veterinary Assistant Certificate program in the first year of our program. Students completing our first-year courses will be eligible to take NAVTA's Veterinary Assistant certification exam and become credentialed Veterinary Assistants. In addition, upon completion of those courses our students will receive a certificate from SPC.

AAHA

- Reaccreditation site visit will occur on April 28.

State Diagnostic Lab

- Our students can attend 3 necropsy sessions at the State Diagnostic Lab in Kissimmee each semester to fulfil the AVMA requirement to see 2 necropsies

State Representative

- Met with our State Representative Larry Ahern on April 13 to discuss licensing of veterinary technicians. His response was the climate in Florida is for less

regulation. Recommended meeting with state representatives, senators, and leaders over next few years to attempt to gain support.

SPCA

- Have new agreement with SPCA Tampa Bay as an additional source for animals for our program.

Veterinary Nurse

- NAVTA is in the process of studying changing the professional designation of veterinary technician to veterinary nurse.

Open House

- Our annual open house will be in October. The exact date will be determined in the near future.

Student input

- Kristy Snyder is a third semester student in our program and attended the meeting. Her comments were that while the vast majority of our courses are very well taught, a few need work. This will be addressed as our courses go through the revitalization process currently underway at SPC. The revitalization process assures all courses are designed and taught to the same expectations. She felt she was in a clinic allowing her to develop her clinical skills well.

Next Meeting

September/October 2016