St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
October 4, 2016
Minutes

Attending – Dr. Allison Sateren, Tosha Zimmerman LVT, Dr. Barbara Lewis, Jane Hamblin CVT, Kristy Snyder Vet Tech Student, Dr. Greg Masters, Gary Harrell, Rhonda Valdez CVT, Trisha Gorham CVT, Dr. Rich Flora

Absent – Dr. David Landers, Dr. Denise Vondrasek, Stacey Weider, Stacey Huber

Welcome

Review/Approve April 26, 2016 minutes
 Move – Gary
 Second – Tosha
 Passed

Old Business
 Curriculum Review
- VTNE review is being incorporated in ATE 2946 Work Practicum IV taken during the last semester in the program
  - Found some problems with questions, being corrected

Suggested using a records management system for our own records

- Installed AVIMark system for our patient records
    - Additional computers in process of being installed, records being switched

Equipment suggestions

- Obtained Ventilator

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
    - Expense is issue
    - Will keep checking to see if possible in future

- NAVC will host a job fair during their February conference

Internships

- BluePearl is considering 1 year veterinary technician internships
    - Still being developed

- Met with Bay Pines VA hospital regarding a lab animal internship with them

Where are grads going?

- Determine where grads are going – general practice, referral/specialty
    - Data has not yet been summarized

International programs
- Students went to sea turtle rescue hospital in Australia this past summer
- Going to elephant rescue in Thailand this coming summer

New Business

- Academic Communities
    - Discussed changing requirements for higher education – financial aid, time to completion of degree
    - Students meet with advisor when admitted to college to determine career objective
    - Placed in one of 10 Academic Communities based on interests
- Academic Pathways
    - Once in an Academic Community students are provided a Pathway that lists the courses in order they need to complete in order to earn their degree
- Viability Report
    - Discussed information in viability reports for AS and BAS degree

- Dr Masters – student lack of preparation in area of dentistry
  - Weakness in VTNE scores in dentistry has been identified
  - New dentistry course is being developed to pull dental instruction into one place, then reinforced in labs

- Status of licensing veterinary technicians in Florida
  - Political climate and blockage by FVMA make licensing in Florida not likely in the foreseeable future

- Additional platforms for electronic medical records
  - Have a demo of Cornerstone for students to see
  - AVIMark provided their system free for us
  - Other systems are not offered for no charge, cost is a problem

- Kristy Snyder – suggested adding information for potential online students so they know what their requirements will be such as lab and large animal requirements
  - Will add to web site so students are aware

- List of resources for students
  - Will add discussion boards in Student Commons for students to provide information about resources they have found in their areas
    - Lab animal

- Large animal
- Necropsy

Next Meeting
- April 2017