

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 11, 2017
Minutes

Attending – Dr. Allison Sateren, Tosha Zimmerman LVT, Jane Hamblin CVT, Gary Harrell, Dr. Denise Vondrasek, Stacey Weider, Trisha Gorham CVT, Dr. Rich Flora

Absent – Dr. David Landers, Dr. Stacey Huber, Dr. Barbara Lewis, Kristy Snyder Vet Tech Student, Dr. Greg Masters, Rhonda Valdez CVT,

Welcome

Review/Approve October 4, 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.
- New dental course is in development and will be offered for the first time during the Spring 2018 semester.

Internships

- BluePearl and Bay Pines VA hospital internships are still being investigated.

International programs

- Going to elephant rescue in Thailand this coming summer

Enrollment

- Enrollment is at a new high. Over 450 students are enrolled in our AS and BAS programs.

VTNE

- 87.5% pass rate for our students taking the exam during the December-January test window. National pass rate was 66.5%.

New Business

- AVMA accreditation site visit will be November 29 – December 1. On November 9 the site visit team is to have dinner with our Advisory Board. I will try to make sure a phone-in option is available.
- Budget – state budget is still being developed but proposals to make extensive reduction in the funding of colleges is a real possibility. We will have to see what effect it will have on our program.
- Status of licensing veterinary technicians in Florida

- Political climate and blockage by FVMA make licensing in Florida not likely in the foreseeable future
- Job Fair – Considering having job fairs during the fall and spring semesters which would allow employers to come to campus and interview our students for openings in their organizations. Will survey students in the fall to determine their interest.
- Program promotion – we were featured on Charley’s World on Channel 13 news. The link to the feature is

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