

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
November 5, 2019, 7 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Tosha Zimmerman; Shannon Garrison; Dr. Barbara Lewis; Laurie Rankin, Dr. Greg Masters; Rhonda Valdez; Chris Kerr; Cynthia Grey; Trish Gorham

Absent: Dr Stacey Huber; Dr. Allison Sateren; Dr. David Landers; Ms. Stacey Wieder; Yuko Okazato; Adam Holder

Welcome/Introduction

Reviewed and Approved April 10, 2019 minutes – Moved to approve was made by Laurie Rankin and seconded by Rhonda Valdez.

Old Business

International programs

Nambia Study Abroad (this review led into a quick discussion of the technician based Marine Mammal Medicine course our students have the opportunity to participate in through Island Dolphin Care. Shannon Garrison gave a quick overview of expectations for her trip in December – Please see flyer below)

New Business

- Advisory Board Chair – Dr. Barbara Lewis volunteered to fill this role, which was seconded by Dr. Masters (Thank you Dr. Lewis ;))
- VTNE Scores – (see attachment)
Trish Reviewed the current VTNE scores and discussed the positive trending anecdotally associated with the program/content changes. This semester, students are using Vet Tech Prep as a review instead of Zuku review for the first time. Faculty and a students felt it was a more realistic review of the VTNE.
- Trish reviewed the changes to the AS program that are being proposed.
- Dr. Grey reviewed the changes in the BAS program. The new program began this semester.
- Review of enrollment trends for the AS and BAS program through 2018. The AS program had positive trending but discussed that for 2019 this trending will make a downward slope. The BAS program has been trending down and the committee was asked to provide any suggestions/help with recruitment. Discussion was had on the impact advising has had on enrollment and competing with Penn Foster. Both of these elements we suspect are impacting

both programs since Penn Foster now offers a Bachelor's program as well as an AS program and has significant marketing dollars. They are also offering programs at \$59/semester.

- Career Connect will be Wednesday 11/13 from 7 to 9 p.m. We have 32 clinics/organizations participating (a great response); veterinary technician can receive CE that night. Two sessions will be offered, one presented by IDEXX and the other by Ginny Price, our behavior specialist. Please come if you are able ;)
- Trish requested help with finding cows for our large animal skills and discussed the problems for both our campus and online students finding placed to complete their large animal skills. Dr. Masters suggested Quantum Leap
- Will select a date/time for the Spring meeting early next year.
- Thanks to everyone for their support and feedback! If you have any suggestions, ideas, etc that will help our programs grow before our next meeting please feel free to email me at Grey.Cynthia@spcollege.edu or give me a call at 727 302 6724

Introduction to Marine Mammal Medicine Course in Key Largo, FL



For more information, please contact
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1-Week Winter Course:

- Tuition: \$1,000 ○ Includes shared housing and educational materials
- Course dates:
- December 10th – 16th 2018 (student arrival on December 9th)
- Participation will include:
- Veterinary lectures and hands-on experience ○ Training and husbandry sessions ○ Collection and preparation of diagnostic samples ○ Practice drawing blood on a dolphin ○ Interpretation of lab results
- Final presentation given by participant
- Certificate awarded upon successful completion of the program

	March 2018	July 2018	November 2018	Deviation from national average
Pharmacology	61/65 /62	73 /79 /78	74/94/73	+1.7% / +10%
Sx Nursing	55/57/57	66 /66 / 64	60/59/64	-1.4 / -1.1%
Dentistry	60/62/63	66 /71 /68	57/67/65	-4% /+1.6%
Laboratory	75/74/65	76 /75 /69	63/71/64	+5.3 % / +7.3%
An Nursing	70/69/69	61 /70 /67	55/63/64	-4.7% / +0.6%
Diag. Imaging	55/62/57	63 / 74 /66	59/64/62	-2.6% / +5.1%
Anesthesia	60/61/60	67 / 71 /71	66/91/69	-2.3% / +7.7%
ER/Critical Care	53/45/57	75 /73 / 69	58/100/61	-0.3% / +10.4%
Pain	58 / 77/62	65 / 69 /65	53/81/60	-3.7% / + 13.4%
Total students	22 / 11	21 /8	13/1	
Total pass	15 / 9	17 /8	7/1	
Pass %	68%/82% /70%	81%/100% /79%	54%/100%/69%	-1.4% / +21.4%

- PreGraduation Survey –
The results of the survey were provided to the committee via email prior to the April 10th meeting. Trish reviewed the results that indicated a high response that students identified the program goals are being met (approximately 89%); only 2% of responders identified they were not currently employed and looking for employment.
- Syndaver Dog –
Shared that we received the Syndaver dog – Ozzie. Which led to a discussion of requesting an equipment upgrade for the IDEXX machine and that smaller items like partitions and cat scales were being supplied via Perkins funds for items \$1,000 or less.



- AFC Teaching and Learning Center for 2019 –
Announced that SPC's veterinary technology center received this award and that Trish accepted the award, which was presented by Dr. Tonjua Williams, SPC President



- October event – Career Fair?
The advisory board members were asked about their thoughts about having a career fair during October Vet Tech week. They were on board. Trish brought up the idea of offering some CE at this time as well. A discussion was had about offering RACE approved CE. Both Tosha Zimmerman and Sheri Holloway offered to possibly provide RACE approved CE.
- Ways to Engage Survey - <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/27974>

This information was shared with the committee requesting participation in the Ways to Engage survey. The goal of the survey is for *all* committee members to engage with the college to support student success. Many members are already engaged, and we are grateful. We know you are busy but would appreciate your completing the college's requested survey. Thank you ;)

- Next Meeting – Will look at October/November dates in August/September.