

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Minutes of Meeting

DATE/TIME: March 16, 2018

LOCATION: SPC Bay Pines STEM Center, Community Room

ATTENDEES: Paul Cozzie, Ivy Drexler, Amanda Gilleland, Chris Kenrick, George Kish, Jamie McWade, Erica Moulton, Maura Scanlon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Waunda Barcus, Rick Gilbert, Ray Gorman, Irvin Kety, Kelli Levy Rachel Schalles, Patricia West

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The following is a recap of the items discussed and agreed upon at the meeting regarding the SPC Environmental Science Technology Advisory Committee. This is a summary of the writer's interpretation of the meeting. Unless advised in writing to the contrary, it is assumed that those in attendance are in agreement with the statements as set forth and work will proceed on this basis. If you have clarifications you wish to make, please contact Maura Scanlon via e-mail at scanlon.maura@spcollege.edu or telephone at 727-394-6947. Thank you.

Item No.	Description or Comments
1	<i>Welcome</i> – The meeting was brought to order by Maura Scanlon at approximately 11:15am
2	<i>Introductions</i> – New invited members to advisory committee introduced themselves - Chris Kenrick and Jamie McWade from the St. Petersburg Eco Village. Erica Moulton, Director of SPC STEM Center at Bay Pines was also in attendance.
3	<i>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes</i> - Approval of November 2017 meeting minutes by Ivy Drexler, seconded by Amanda Gilleland
4	<i>Environmental Science Technology Program Updates</i> – Maura Scanlon provided updates on enrollment in the AS Environmental Science Technology degree program, currently there are 148 declared in the major this year (not including Summer 2018). They are split among the subplans: Water, Sustainability, Enviro Resources, and the new subplan which will replace the Sustainability and Enviro Resources subplans, Enviro Resource Conservation. Six students graduated in Fall 2018. One student received the “Rising Star Scholarship” as part of the student chapter of TBAEP (Tampa Bay Assoc of Enviro Professionals)
5	Paul Cozzie asked if SPC tracks students after they graduate – Maura answered that SPC does try to track students through surveys and mailings, but response from graduates is typically low. The state does track students for a few years after they graduate based on their social security numbers, and reports successful outcomes if students are (1) continuing their education (2) active military or (3) employed in the field they graduated from. Based on the past three years, these reports show about 90% or better placements for our graduates.
6	Erica Moulton spoke briefly about current and future projects at the Bay Pines STEM Center. A link to the ISS (International Space Station) was provided through a grant, allowing students the opportunity to link up with the ISS when it flies overhead. A partnership with Mote Marine Laboratories has been created, allowing students

	opportunities to participate in research on stone crab, gamefish, and marine debris movement. An event was held with Keep Pinellas Beautiful to clean up the property, and over 3200 lbs of trash was removed. There is the possibility of installing a weather underground station at the center as well, pending awarding of a NOAA grant.
7	<i>AACC/NSF MentorLinks Grant</i> – Maura provided updates on progress towards fulfilling grant objectives. A water monitoring/sampling well installation was donated by Value-Environmental, who currently employs a graduate from the AS Enviro program. Equipment to monitor well to be purchased in coming weeks. George Kish briefly talked about importance of the sampling well and the opportunity for students to have practice with it.
8	Water Quality Technician CCC (12 credits) was approved and sent through curriculum and instruction – will be available starting Fall 2018. Four courses (Intro to Enviro Science, Wetlands, Urban Pollution, and Sampling & Analysis course) were also re-written in order to comply with new certification.
9	Amanda Gilleland advised about a solar training program that she and Maura will be attending in July as part of the grant.
10	<i>Upcoming Events/Needs:</i> There will an internship expo at the Seminole campus on 3/22, and Seminole Campus Habitat Park Cleanup on 4/14
11	Tentatively, career services is planning an environmental career exploration/festival event on May 19 th from 9am-1pm. Suggestions from the board were solicited
12	George mentioned getting government agencies (like USGS) on board, Paul suggested partnering with the Extension Office to provide a hands-on workshop (rain barrels, chickens, beekeeping) as this may draw more people in, and would separate this event from similar ones, like Ecofest. Jamie advised Suncoast Composting is hiring, and having a job board for attendees would be helpful, in addition to providing strategically placed recycle bins / trash. Ivy advised having wildlife is great, but logistically plan so it is not disturbed by other events (like touch-a-truck). Having a separate “kids” section was also mentioned, as well as having the event paired with another event, such as public being able to bring disposals (shredding event, e-waste dropoff, etc). Maura advised she would pass on these suggestions to the planning committee.
13	Next meeting tentatively scheduled in the Fall, time/date not available at this time.
14	Meeting adjourned approximately 12:10pm