

St. Petersburg College  
**Veterinary Technology Program**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**4/15/2011**

**Minutes**

Attending: Allison Sateren, Gary Graham, Tom Lane, Gary Oswald,  
 Duane Steward, Rhonda Valdez, Rich Flora, Tricia Gorham

Regrets: Robert Barrett, Shirley Sabin

**OLD BUSINESS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Recommendations</b>	<b>Action</b>
Review October 2010, 2010 minutes	Move to approve Gary Oswald  Second Rhonda Valdez	Approved
Enrollment	Discussed enrollment for AS and BAS programs.  Interest in program continues to be very high – both on campus and online, AS and BAS.	Admitted 18 on campus and 23 online students to the AS program in January. This is the first January cohort of on campus AS students, and is due to the high number of applicants. Admitted 18 BAS students.
Program Changes	Tricia Gorham is now our Faculty-In-Charge, and is assuming several of the	

	administrative duties for the AS program.	
Graduation	Graduated 18 AS students and 6 BAS students at the December 2010 commencement.	
VTNE results	Discussed VTNE results. SPC pass rate remains above the national average.	Continue to evaluate course content, teaching effectiveness, and test performance.
New building	Construction is underway. Building completion is anticipated for July 2011. We will move into the building in August and be ready for classes to be held August 22.	Open house scheduled for the September-October time frame
New VT programs	New programs are being developed at Edison State College and Pensacola State College. No developments at Indian River State College or Santa Fe State College. Florida A&M has a new program director and will begin admitting students this fall.	Host a meeting of program directors from all the current and planned veterinary technology programs in Florida during the summer.
Equipment purchases	Therapeutic laser was purchased with Perkins Grant funds. Looking at a new ICU cage. Will look at need for large autoclave.	Will determine any additional equipment needs after move to new building is completed.

Labor market data	Job announcements still coming in. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a very strong growth in the number of veterinary technicians needed in Florida from 2006 – 2016.	
Graduate placement	Placement continues to be 97% +. Still receiving job announcements regularly. Discussed possible over-abundance of veterinarians in larger vet school programs.	Continue to monitor job market for our graduates.
Graduate and Employer Surveys	Graduate and employer surveys indicate both groups are very satisfied with the programs.	Continue to monitor both surveys to determine areas where improvement might be needed
Student Internships	New internship with TBVS is in place. Continuing to work with IDEXX labs and Mote Aquarium. Have started one day internships at UF.	Continue to work with IDEXX and Mote. Work with UF to develop longer internships.
Marketing Ideas	Discussed using social media to connect with present and prospective students.	Asked committee to consider more ways of using social media within and outside the program.
BAS update	Enrollment very good. Nutrition and Animal Science courses have been approved by UF to meet their veterinary school	

	admission requirement.	
Next meeting	Will be in October. The college will be hosting meals for the committees. The exact dates will be scheduled.	

### New Business

Marketing	Asked committee members to think of ways to market our programs.	Ongoing project
Emerging areas of veterinary medicine	Asked committee members to identify emerging areas in veterinary medicine that should be included in our programs.	Ongoing. Dr. Steward suggested genetic mapping.
Course developers	Asked committee members to identify potential developers of the courses suggested above.	Dr Oswald suggested Dr Tom Miller to look at our Ophthalmology course for redesign..