

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Dr Barbara Lewis, Dr Greg Masters, Rhonda Valdez CVT, Dr Denise Vondrasek, Tosha Zimmerman CVT, Tricia Gorham CT, Dr Rich Flora, Adam Holder student

Regrets: Jane Hamblin CVT, Mr Gary Harrell, Dr Stacey Huber, Dr David Landers, Dr Allison Sateren, Ms Stacey Wieder

Welcome

Review/Approve April 11, 2017 minutes

Move – Rhonda

Second – Tosha

Passed

Old Business

Curriculum Review

- New dental course will be offered for the first time during the Spring 2018 semester.
- Total curriculum review is underway
 - Asked for subject and design suggestions
 - Look at how pharmacology is taught, especially calculations (math)
 - Include personal wellness awareness

- Compassion fatigue
- Burn out
- Cold laser usage and therapy
- Holistic and nutritional supplements
- Proper restraint and behavior
- Client communications
- End of life care

International programs

- Went to elephant rescue in Thailand summer 2017
- Going to Ireland/Scotland summer 2018
- Going to Australia December 2018

Enrollment

- Enrollment is at a new high. Over 450 students are enrolled in our AS and BAS programs.
 - Just reviewed campus applicants for spring semester
 - Will have at least 30 new campus students
 - Continuing to review and admit online applicants

VTNE

- 75.7% pass rate for our students taking the exam during the March/April test window. National pass rate was 64.3%.
- 68.4% pass rate for our students taking the exam during the July/August test window. National pass rate was 72.9%.

Scholarships

- Students provided service for PCVMA's Bowser Ball
- PCVMA donated \$5000 to scholarship fund
- During fall open house students had the opportunity to make poster presentations for a subject of interest to them
- Presentations were evaluated and \$2500 in scholarships were awarded
- Will be repeated during spring semester

New Business

- AVMA accreditation site visit will be November 29 – December 1. **On November 29 the site visit team is to have dinner with our Advisory Board.** I will try to make sure a phone-in option is available.

Next Meeting

April 2018