



## MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD 6/5/20 - SKYPE

**Date of Meeting:** 6/5/20

**Members Present:**

Teresa Afify, Waunda Barcus, Marilyn Browne, Sandra Davis, Ivy Drexler, Shea Dunifon, Richard Gilbert, Amanda Gilleland, Raymond Gorman, Samuel Henderson, Irvin Kety, Kelli Levy, Laurel Lynch, Natavia Middleton, Maura Scanlon, Steve Soltau, Sean Williams

**Members Excused:**

Marilyn Browne, Jacob Wortock

**Others present:**

N/A

**Call to order:**

6/5/20 – 2:00 pm by Chair of Advisory Committee, Sam Henderson

**Previous Minutes Approved:**

Motion to approve 11/8/19 minutes made and approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

**HOW COVID 19 HAS AFFECTED THE COLLEGE (SPRING – FALL)** – Amanda Gilleland spoke about how in mid spring after spring break SPC closed all their campuses. All the faculty moved their courses to online in about a week. Fortunately, students ended up with great success rates and the semester turned out positive despite the challenges. In the fall we will be at 20% capacity for face-to-face classes. This will be achieved with classes split in half on meeting days. The Environmental classes will all be online in the fall. Enrollment is down right now, but it is better than we thought it would be and there is still a long time for registration left.

**Program Updates:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AA TRANSFER DEGREE** - Amanda Gilleland spoke about some of the trouble SPC is having getting completions. Some of these stem from students starting SPC's program and then moving to a BS Sustainability degree elsewhere. Dean Natavia Middleton spoke about their efforts to help this issue by having the SPC's AA program transferable to USF. The hope is that it will capture some of the students early who are looking to transfer and get their BS. This transfer plan will be in place starting in the fall. They are also looking at developing a FUSE option. Irvin Kety inquired about if students will need to complete the extra AA course work to move on? Dean Middleton explained that yes, they will need to complete additional courses before they can enroll in the USF program due to USF's requirements. However, the SPC's AS program does meet all of the USF requirements to transfer. Irvin Kety asked are all the courses transferable? Dean Middleton answered that it depends on the course and in some cases the students may have to provide a syllabus and course work to see if it is equivalent to their course. Irvin Kety requested if he can get copies of their syllabi so he can parallel his to theirs. Amanda Gilleland offered to get the copies for him.

**GIS CROSSWALK ON HOLD** – Amanda Gilleland spoke about how there are courses at the Workforce Institute and they are looking to get them transferable to SPC. Amanda Gilleland and Maura Scanlon worked on this project and were successful in matching up our courses with only a few questions. Their goal is to achieve 80% similarity. They finish project when they are able to speak to the instructor at the Workforce Institute in the fall.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

N/A

**Student Update:**

N/A

**Career Outreach Specialist:**

**PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION INFORMATION** - Theresa Afify spoke that SPC saw a dip in unduplicated head count this year. There are two programs that are no longer being offered, which could account for part of the dip. We have seen two graduates this year and are expecting three more, which will put the college only down one graduate from last year. She also mentioned an upcoming event called “A Night with Science”. A meeting is planned to see how the even can be held in light of the Covid issues. They are also exploring hosting a live session with Environmental Science alumni.

**INTERNSHIPS** - Pinellas County has some internships for the summer. Teresa Afify asked if there is any more opportunities that anyone may know of. Maura Scanlon spoke on some of the internships members of the committee has helped some of our students with. She also stressed the need for more opportunities if anyone knows of any. Sam Henderson mentioned the City of Gulfport will have a couple of internships in the fall and referred anyone interested to the HR department of the City of Gulfport.

**New Business:**

**ADVISORY BOARD FOR NEXT YEAR** – Dean Natavia Middleton spoke about the advisory board members for next year. Amanda Gilleland needs to update the Board Members roster. Amanda Gilleland or Laurel Lynch will be contacting them to get their most current contact information and also to confirm they wish to remain a member. This will be taking place sometime in the next couple of weeks. They are also looking for SPC student names of anyone who would be interested and able to be on the committee.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IN THE FALL** – Skype option (Date and Time TBD). Amanda Gilleland will send out a survey to see when everyone is available.