

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Minutes of Meeting

DATE/TIME: September 7, 2012

LOCATION: EpiCenter, room 2-432

ATTENDEES: Patty West, Irvin Kety, Maura Scanlon, Dean John Chapin, Academic Chair Meg Delgato, George Kish, Kelli Stickrath, Amy Grant, La'Kesha O'Neal and Kelli Levy

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The following is a recap of the items discussed and agreed upon at the meeting regarding the Environmental Science Technology Advisory Committee at the Seminole Campus. 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 Kelli Stickrath via e-mail at stickrath.kelli@spcollege.edu or telephone at 727-712-5835. Thank you.

Item No.	Description or Comments
1	<i>Introductions</i> Welcome by Kelli Stickrath at 1:00pm. All attendees introduced themselves.
2	<i>Approval of March Minutes-</i> Approval of March 15, 2012 meeting minutes with no changes by Patty West and seconded by George Kish.
3	<i>Environmental Science Technology update-</i> Maura reported that the Seminole Campus is currently preparing for President Obama's visit.
4	<i>Environmental Science Technology update-</i> The Environmental Science Technology program has currently 136 enrolled students.
5	The Environmental Club just met and 75 interested students signed up at the Welcome Back event. The campus Eco-Race is scheduled for October and there is a Habitat Park Clean Up scheduled for December. In addition, there is an environmental lecture series with speakers on various topics.
6	Meg discussed how some of the Environmental AS degree program courses will be offered at the Tarpon Springs campus over the next few years. There are discussion underway to highlight the water resources subplan A and incorporate various certificates.
7	<i>Lakewood Articulation-</i> Lakewood currently has an articulation with SPC. Kelli S. mentioned Dr. Gary Graham had queried the counties around Pinellas to see if there are any environmental academies. Polk County may have an environmental program. Dr. Graham is going to speak to the contact there to discuss a possible articulation agreement. Patty mentioned there is a Marine Academy in Citrus County. She said she would send the contact information to Kelli S.
8	<i>Green Home</i> is slated to be built at the Seminole campus within the next two years. Right now the Green Home is temporarily on hold due to the change of hands from Pinellas County to SPC. Maura said she should know more by the end of October. La'Kesha asked who the main person is for the Green Home. Kelli S. said she is unsure since Jason Green resigned, but will find out.
9	Kelli L. mentioned Pinellas County is writing a "Low-Impact Development Manual".

10	<i>5 x 180 plan-</i> Dean Chapin gave an overview on how this process will engage students, help students with college decisions, help students focus on their goals, and provide support if the student is in trouble. He mentioned \$700,000 has been allocated for student out of class support. This is a data driven process to monitor students to help them finish what they start. Starting in January students will be monitored to only take the number of courses a semester passed in the previous term.
11	La'Kesha mentioned there is a support team for Maura and her staff. Sandy Decarlo assists in connecting students to resources. In addition, they recommend that students integrate specific coursework to increase interest in their chosen AS program. Amy Apicerno is the new internship coordinator.
12	<i>Old Business-</i> Maura went over the latest information about a possible unnamed large German solar company coming to the St. Petersburg area. La'Kesha said to contact her about recruiting students and possible internship opportunities.
13	During the last meeting spring 2012 Irvin had talked about the importance of offering grant writing as part of our curriculum. Meg went over how Jackie Skyrd is going to host a 3 hour grant workshop on October 12 th for the 4-year Biology students. Meg foresees then a similar workshop being offered in the spring for the 2-year Environmental students.
14	<i>New Business-</i> A new Chairperson was not elected at this time.
15	<i>Course Curriculum-</i> George stated that students need to have Introduction to Chemistry as a prerequisite before they take Environmental Sampling and Analysis and Wetland Resources.
16	<i>Equipment-</i> George Kish said the USGS would like to donate some water quality testing equipment. These are YSI and handhelds that need to be checked for accuracy. There is a form to fill out for SPC donations.
17	George asked if we have the equipment to calibrate the donated equipment. Kelli asked for George to talk to Keri Jones, the Seminole Campus Lab Manager, to see if the Seminole Campus possesses the equipment he needs. If Keri does not have the correct equipment, another campus may have what he is looking for.
18	Amy mentioned that Perkins grant funds could pay for this equipment if they were ordered quickly.
19	<i>Internships-</i> Irvin said he spoke to a consulting firm who are interested in taking in interns and will provide the contact information to Maura.
20	Kelli L. was talking about the importance of interns working more than 10 hours a week. It is not worth her or her staff's time to train people that can only work a few hours a day.
21	Kelli L. talked about state certifications and the importance of people becoming DEP certified. It was discussed about wastewater, stream and lake certifications. SPC would like to partner with DEP and be the academic venue for these certificates. Kelli L. said it takes two days in the classroom and then field testing with a yearly recertification. The DEP contact is Russ Frydenborg. Dean Chapin said he would like to have further discussions regarding incorporating certificates into the environmental program and can discuss with Jim Connelly, who is the lead for non-credit courses.
22	Irvin stated there are three ways to get a Class C license in waste water at the entry level. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University of California Sacramento 2. PTEC 3. Barry University
23	<i>Employment Opportunities, Internship/ Volunteer Opportunities-</i> the Advisory

	Committee members were given homework to think about program curricular and equipment needs, internships and employment. Members should email Maura their ideas.
24	<i>New Meeting Date-</i> The next meeting location will be Friday, March 15 th at noon at the EpiCenter. Lunch will be provided.
25	The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.