

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Minutes of Meeting

DATE/TIME: March 18, 2016 – 12 noon

LOCATION: Seminole Campus, Library Conference Room “C” – LI 203

ATTENDEES: Sandy Decarlo, Ray Gorman, Irvin Kety, Kelli Levy, Maura Scanlon, Jacob Wortock

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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> – Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and the meeting was brought to order at approximately 12:15pm
2	<i>Approval of April Minutes</i> - Approval of March 2015 meeting minutes by Kelli Levy, seconded by Sandy Decarlo
3	<i>Old Business & Updates</i> – Maura Scanlon talked about the Green Demonstration Home that is scheduled to start construction in Spring 2017 and completed by Fall 2017. The goal is to create a structure that would meet the living building challenge, beyond Platinum LEED standards. Natural Sci chair Amanda Gilleland is currently teaching an independent research class related to the project, and additional sections are to be scheduled in subsequent semesters and continue even after building is completed.
4	Maura also gave a brief overview of the Bay Pines STEM center and provided attendees with a copy of an article written last Nov 2015: https://newsspc.wordpress.com/2015/11/02/construction-continues-on-spcs-bay-pines-learning-center/ - Most likely the project will be completed Dec 2016.
5	<i>Environmental Science Technology update</i> - Sandy Decarlo distributed information about enrollment for the program – recently enrollment has dropped slightly, but is in line with other programs enrollments, which have also declined as overall SPC enrollment has declined. Subplan enrollment continues to be fairly even between the three subplans. Further data shows that students enrolled are largely non-traditional students (approximately 50% are aged 22-35, and 25% are aged 36+) and are attending SPC part-time (79%).
6	Irv Kety asked about services for these non-traditional students, as they tend to know the material in classes, but do not necessarily perform well on tests and exams. Sandy advised about learning services available to students if they choose to take advantage of them, and offered to even have workshops for students if instructors request them to meet specific needs of the class
7	To encourage students and bring more students into the program, Career Services and individual programs will be visiting targeted local high schools in the near

	future; additional suggestions by Irv Kety, Kelli Levy and Ray Gorman included involving successful graduates, either visiting their place of work, or have panel discussions from individuals working in the environmental field either at the upcoming SPC Public Expo event or at other times.
8	<i>Certifications</i> – the 30hr Gen. Industry OSHA certification grant has expired, looking to integrate other certifications into coursework. Maura Scanlon will be offering the FL DEP Erosion and Sedimentation 2-day training the week after final exams in May. Irv suggested integrating some free certifications, such as NIMS and FEMA certifications
9	<i>Articulations</i> – to be revisited this year
10	<i>New Business:</i> March 17 th SPC Career Services hosted an Internship Expo that included appropriate places for Environmental Students to intern at; SPC Seminole will again be hosting a Public Utilities Expo on May 17 th , during Public Works week.
11	<i>Student opportunities:</i> Maura relayed that the student chapter of the TBAEP (Tampa Bay Assoc. of Enviro. Professionals) was established this Jan at SPC; so far involvement has been low, but will seek to grow this year with events related to careers
12	<i>Open Forum:</i> Kelli Levy advised of Pinellas County’s recent project to evaluate behaviors and perceptions of trash, cleanup scheduled for McKay Creek, Cross Bayou Saturday 3/19; expressed the importance of students volunteering and building relationships either outside of a class or through internships; the county has put in request for paid intern positions
13	Ray Gorman talked about FWPCOA upcoming trainings in April, see website for more information and register though the website – also distributed information about the FL Public Works Expo in Tampa Bay April 18-22, and emphasized it was also a good opportunity for students to volunteer for as this would provide free admission to the other sessions
14	Irv Kety mentioned an informal TB Waste Water Forum group that began meeting a few months ago – will provide information to Maura Scanlon and/or Sandy Decarlo in order to facilitate someone speaking at the meeting about SPC degree program and students
15	<i>Next Meeting Date</i> – TBA – sometime in Sept
16	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:45pm