

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Public Policy and Administration Baccalaureate Program

Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Advisory Committee Meeting

Seminole Campus, Conference Center

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:10—10:00 a.m. Advisory Committee Meeting

EpiCenter Campus, 2-308

MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

St. Petersburg College administration, advisory board members, faculty, staff, and students: Jeff Kronschnabl, Elizabeth Van Scoyoc, Rafael Murga, Donald Hall, Brian Lightfoot in lieu of Mike Waters, Robert Pergolizzi, Russ Kimball, Dina Hyson, John Daly, John Tuthill, and Susan Demers.

Board members not in attendance: Brian Aungst, Frank Edmunds, Sheryl Goff, Chris Harper, Ed Hooper, Sean Kennedy, Michah Maxwell, Andy Steingold, James Steffens, and Nicholas Zoller.

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center located at the Seminole Campus and at 9:10 a.m. in room 2-308 at the EpiCenter Campus, St. Petersburg College.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND INFORMATION

Professor Jeff Kronschnabl introduced board members and presented an overview of our Public Policy and Administration program.

- **Advisory Board Members received the following handouts:** Meeting agenda, which included online course development for PUP 3040 State and Local Government and Public Policy; the course will be both face-to-face and online in the Fall and Spring semesters.
- PUP 3033 Policy Leadership was recently completed for online application and will go live Fall 2018

- PUP 4941 Public Policy Capstone is currently in the development phase with an expected release date of Fall 2019.
- **Welcome and guest speaker introduction by Seminole Campus Provost, Mark Strickland**
- **Presentation by Pinellas County Administrator, Mark Woodard:** provided his thoughts on a fulfilling career in public service. He encouraged students to stay open to opportunities as one opportunity will lead to others. If students are public-spirited, willing to work hard, take chances, and pursue opportunities, they should create a strategic plan or blue print for their public service careers. Public service professionals should learn the personalities of those they serve and be responsive to their concerns and needs.
- **Discussion and questions from the audience**
- **Students Brandon Smith and Adriana Hulland presented a Public Policy and Administration portfolio to Mr. Woodard as ‘Thank you’ for being our guest speaker. The portfolio included business cards from each student in attendance.**
- **Closing comments and adjournment by Dean Susan Demers**
- **Public Policy Leadership Speakers Series Luncheons:** 13 reputable, high-quality speakers have presented to our students since 2012. Presenters are never paid. They volunteer their time to make a difference in our students’ lives.

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- Board member John Daly suggested offering a non-profit track within the Public Policy and Administration program, stating there is a strong community need.
- A partnership between the Public Policy and Administration baccalaureate program, the University Partnership Center, and the University of South Florida Master of Public Administration program to create a cohort was suggested—The G.R.E exam will not be required of Public Policy and Administration graduates transitioning into the USF Masters Program who have, at minimum, a 3.25 grade point average.
- Dr. Susan Demers recommended a mentorship program for online Public Policy students to keep them connected to local government. She also shared that with approximately 220 students coded for the program, she does not wish for the program to grow any more than it already has.

Closing remarks: Jeff Kronschnabl thanked the Board for coming and providing valuable feedback that will help to improve our program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Not everyone is called to be a leader, but everyone is called to make an impact.