

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 23, 2020, 7 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dr. Barbara Lewis; Laurie Rankin, Emily Scarborough, Kimberly Leshko, Monica Roberts, Dr. Allison Sateren, Stacey Wider, Sheri Holloway, Kelsey Karp, Dr. David Landers, Cynthia Grey, Trish Gorham

Absent: Dr. Stacey Huber, Adam Holder, Christopher Kerr, Dr. Greg Masters, Rhonda Valdez, Tosha Zimmerman

Welcome/Introductions (It has been a long time since we last met!)

Old Business

Reviewed and Approved November 5, 2019 minutes – Moved to approve was made by Laurie Rankin and seconded by Dr. Barbara Lewis.

New Business

- Monica Roberts, Career Outreach Specialist for Health Sciences and Vet Tech shared the objectives of our Career Outreach Services department and discussed/demonstrated our College-wide virtual posting systems for SPC students, alumni, and potential employers- Hire SPC Titans (STPE.CO/HIRESPCTITANS). Please see the attached presentation. Monica also discussed the many events the college hosts and provided further information of the upcoming virtual event Diversity & Inclusion Matters in the Workplace (September 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.). Monica's Contact Information is Roberts.Monica@spcollege.edu .

- Dr. Grey provided a summary of:
 - Spring, Summer, and Fall Semesters – When the college closed on March 18,2020, all Vet Tech Courses moved to online. Due to the quick closer and still provide students the opportunity for synchronous learner a new platform was created called Live-on-Line. Live-on-Line provides students a real time virtual classroom using Zoom. This seems to be a modality that will become a permanent option for SPC and we continue to meet the needs of our students.

The most student impact was in the completion of our Labs where students are required to demonstrate their skills. Vet Tech was the first program to bring students back to campus. There was a lot of planning involved with significant health protocols put in place but overall the campus come back was successful. Over several weeks, we first

brought back the Seniors to complete their skills so they could graduate and move on 😊 Then we brought 1st, 2nd, and 3rd semester students back. This included arranging with the large animal sites to accommodate our students. There were also extra sessions created so online students who were having difficulties could find sites could complete their skills. Advisory Board Student Representatives Emily Scarborough and Kimberly Leshko shared how well they thought the process was handled.

Fall semester seems to be going well. There of course were some minor re-opening issues. Probably the biggest issue is having to remind students to stay socially distanced. The students are definitely doing a great job in adapting to the 'new now'. We currently only have our Labs on campus, with the majority of the lecture classes delivered online.

- Shared the responsibilities of our Clinical Coordinator, Ms. Debbie Raines. She oversees the Clinical Placements and handles all the monitoring of the clinical sights and AAs. During this time, she has done a great job in working with students to help them find clinics. Debbie has done wonders with coordinating everything associated with our clinical hour requirements. Should you wish to mentor our students and allow them to complete their skills at your facility, please reach out to Ms. Raines. Her contact information is Raines.Debbie@spcollege.edu. Of course, you can also reach out to myself or Trish.
- There will be a physical Spring/Summer Graduation on October 10th
<https://www.spcollege.edu/events/celebration-for-spring-and-summer-2020-grads-clearwater>
- Vet Tech will participate in the Health Centers Virtual Open House on October 15th starting at 5:30 p.m. <https://www.spcollege.edu/events/virtual-open-house-for-health-science-and-veterinary-programs>
- BAS Update: Instituted the new program changes. Last Spring the new Capstone Practicum was launched. Students are excited about the possibilities, but nervous about the process. The first cohort were delighted with the results and opportunity for a new experience. We received a great letter from a student who shared that her Practicum opened up the door to a new career (with increased pay) as the practice manager of a new not for profit clinic.
- Trish Gorham provided a review of:
 - Results of our AS students' graduation survey. This included a discussion of students who identified they were employed or not employed and looking. Although this is an anonymous survey, Trish and Debbie Raines are working to see how in the future we might be able to identify students who not employed but looking so we can hopeful help in their job search.

- VTNE Scores – These results for the last testing period were very positive (please see attached). All domains for both campus and online were above the national average except for online Surgical Nursing. This is a positive trend. We believe that this might be associated with our switch to VetTechPrep, which our students are provided free as part of an SPC grant
 - Program Milestones – Targeted more specific areas for improvement (Please see attached) such as working to increase success rates by targeting struggling students and offering/requiring virtual tutoring sessions.
 - Zimbabwe Study Abroad Trip. Unfortunately, our Namibia trip last May was canceled due to COVID. We are hopeful that this May 2021 trip will be able to go. We have a full ‘class’ with 20 students, with 4 alternates. Should you like more information - <https://blog.spcollege.edu/international/category/zimbabwe-vet-tech/>
- The JAVMA article about technician utilization <https://www.avma.org/javma-news/task-force-recommends-solutions-technician-utilization>

Thanks to everyone for their support and feedback! If you have any suggestions, ideas, etc. that will help our programs grow before our next meeting please feel free to email me at Grey.Cynthia@spcollege.edu or give me a call at 727 302 6724

If you are interested in the recorded Zoom meeting, here is the link
https://spcollege.zoom.us/rec/share/a4a1RAMGFncI5s4Q_JOqj6GmqdHV4d07Sf-l8j-s1534i3N06kjKv3D4bDi7h6ib.IOtPTOkZbELX13uw?startTime=1600901437000

	March 2018	July 2018	November 2018	Deviation from national average
Pharmacology	61/65 /62	73 /79 /78	74/94/73	+1.7% / +10%
Sx Nursing	55/57/57	66 /66 / 64	60/59/64	-1.4 / -1.1%
Dentistry	60/62/63	66 /71 /68	57/67/65	-4% /+1.6%
Laboratory	75/74/65	76 /75 /69	63/71/64	+5.3 % / +7.3%
An Nursing	70/69/69	61 /70 /67	55/63/64	-4.7% / +0.6%
Diag. Imaging	55/62/57	63 / 74 /66	59/64/62	-2.6% / +5.1%
Anesthesia	60/61/60	67 / 71 /71	66/91/69	-2.3% / +7.7%
ER/Critical Care	53/45/57	75 /73 / 69	58/100/61	-0.3% / +10.4%
Pain	58 / 77/62	65 / 69 /65	53/81/60	-3.7% / + 13.4%
Total students	22 / 11	21 /8	13/1	
Total pass	15 / 9	17 /8	7/1	
Pass %	68%/82% /70%	81%/100% /79%	54%/100%/69%	-1.4% / +21.4%

- PreGraduation Survey –
The results of the survey were provided to the committee via email prior to the April 10th meeting. Trish reviewed the results that indicated a high response that students identified the program goals are being met (approximately 89%); only 2% of responders identified they were not currently employed and looking for employment.
- Syndaver Dog –
Shared that we received the Syndaver dog – Ozzie. Which led to a discussion of requesting an equipment upgrade for the IDEXX machine and that smaller items like partitions and cat scales were being supplied via Perkins funds for items \$1,000 or less.



- AFC Teaching and Learning Center for 2019 –
Announced that SPC's veterinary technology center received this award and that Trish accepted the award, which was presented by Dr. Tonjua Williams, SPC President



- October event – Career Fair?
The advisory board members were asked about their thoughts about having a career fair during October Vet Tech week. They were on board. Trish brought up the idea of offering some CE at this time as well. A discussion was had about offering RACE approved CE. Both Tosha Zimmerman and Sheri Holloway offered to possibly provide RACE approved CE.
- Ways to Engage Survey - <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/27974>

This information was shared with the committee requesting participation in the Ways to Engage survey. The goal of the survey is for *all* committee members to engage with the college to support student success. Many members are already engaged, and we are grateful. We know you are busy but would appreciate your completing the college's requested survey. Thank you ;)

- Next Meeting – Will look at October/November dates in August/September.