

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Minutes of Meeting

DATE/TIME: September 16, 2016, 10:15

LOCATION: St. Petersburg Hilton

ATTENDEES: Mary Campbell, Paul Cozzie, Ivy Drexler, Amanda Gilleland, Kelly Gordon, Ray Gorman, Irvin Kety, James Kostka, Maura Scanlon, Jacob Wortock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Gilbert, George Kish, Kelli Levy, Trisha Nixon, Patricia West

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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 by Committee Chair Irv Kety at approximately 10:15am
2	<i>Approval of April Minutes</i> - Approval of March 2016 meeting minutes by Maura Scanlon, seconded by James Kostka
3	<i>Old Business & Updates</i> – Amanda Gilleland spoke about the Green Demonstration Home: current status of the project is at a standstill due to cost issues; decisions will have to be made as to if the project will continue, and if so, an updated timeline may be needed. Irv mentioned increased costs may relate to governmental regulations, and Ray Gorman offered suggestions of defraying costs through volunteer workers, and perhaps partnering with PTC or local high schools, but Amanda advised due to insurance reasons, this may not be possible. Amanda also advised if the project does not continue, the college may pursue working towards building a sustainable garden. In addition, the local Rotary Club will be working with SPC in setting up a shipping container garden on the Seminole campus.
4	Maura Scanlon advised that the Dean of Natural Sciences, Dr. Chapin, will be retiring at the end of Sept. An interim dean will be appointed.
5	Maura also relayed that construction is currently in progress for the Bay Pines STEM center, and is scheduled to be completed in the Spring, and classrooms should be ready by Fall 2017.
6	Jacob Wortock distributed information about current enrollment: Currently 130 students are pursuing the AS Enviro Sci Tech degree, compared to 140 last fall. Jacob indicated enrollment across the college has decreased as the economy has improved, and more people have returned to work. Sub-plan enrollment is fairly evenly distributed (Env Res 40, Sustainability 50, Water Res 40). There have been 15 graduates last year. The vast majority of students are part-time (105) compared to full time (25). Ray asked how long, on average, it took for a student to complete, but this information was not readily available during the meeting.

7	Maura informed the committee that based on prior committee recommendations, FEMA IS-0700.a and RCRA certification has been integrated into EVR 1016, Hazardous Waste Mgmt course. Maura has been in contact with FL DEP, who are looking at SPC Seminole campus as a potential site for their “Muddy Waters” training event in Spring 2017.
9	<i>Articulations</i> – James is in the process of rewriting the Lakewood HS environment curriculum to submit to the state, with the emphasis on Marine Tech; Marine Tech AS degree is available at the community college in Key West. Maura remarked if the new curriculum did not meet the requirements for articulating for credit for the intro to environmental course at SPC, it may still transfer as a marine science credit contained within the degree requirements. Once the revised curriculum is approved by the state, it will be reviewed again by SPC for articulation.
10	<i>New Business:</i> Ray provided information about some upcoming events: there is an APWA Equipment Rodeo on Oct 5 th in Pinellas Park, open to the public, and can be a good opportunity for students to engage with the various public work depts. Ray also indicated APWA Expo will be held in Orlando Aug 27-30 of next year, and encouraged students to volunteer for the event, as then they would have free access to workshops and presentations.
11	Ivy Drexler provided information about the American Backflow Association, and Ray provided contact info for the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Ivy also indicated the Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility offers educational tours, and encouraged SPC to set up a tour. Irv commented the more field trips students are exposed to, the better, as students become more engaged and have a better understanding of the field.
12	Mary Campbell provided information about a series of film screenings related to environmental issues offered at the University of Tampa, along with extension’s other speaker series events, including Salty Topics and programs related to current events, such as the Zika virus.
13	Maura relayed that the student chapter of the TBAEP (Tampa Bay Assoc. of Enviro. Professionals) is continuing, and is hoping student participation increases. Maura also provided an update that the SPC apiary is doing well, and is hoping to increase student involvement in a SPC student beekeeping club. Mary suggested in the future SPC can partner with Pinellas Co extension when they offer beekeeping workshops, so participants can get some hands on experience.
14	Maura also commented the BLUE Film Festival is coming to St. Petersburg Nov 10-13, and SPC students are encouraged to participate/volunteer.
15	Irv commented the FL DEP SW district will be having an open house on Sept 28 in Tampa – and this would be a good opportunity for students to network.
16	<i>Open Forum</i> – Paul Cozzie announced beginning Oct 2 nd , the Educational centers at Brooker Creek and Weedon Island will be open on Sundays. Mary provided additional information at a part-time position for educational support specialist would be related to this. Paul also added a Grant Coordinator Position will be opening. Ivy then provided information that Cross Bayou will be looking for a person to fill and educational coordinator position at that facility.
17	<i>Next Meeting Date</i> – Tentatively scheduled March 24, 2017 at lunchtime; Maura will confirm time and location at a later date.
18	Meeting adjourned approximately 11:30am

