

# ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

## Minutes of Meeting

**DATE/TIME:** October 5, 2018

**LOCATION:** SPC Bay Pines STEM Center, Community Room

**ATTENDEES:** Waunda Barcus, Sandy Decarlo, Rick Gilbert, Amanda Gilleland, Ray Gorman, Ralph Kitzmiller, Natavia Middleton, Erica Moulton, Maura Scanlon, Patricia West, Jacob Wortock

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Cozzie, Ivy Drexler, Chris Kenrick, Irvin Kety, Kelli Levy, Rachel Schalles, Jamie McWade

**DATE ISSUED:** October 8, 2018

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  |
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| 1        | <i>Welcome</i> – The meeting was brought to order by Maura Scanlon at approximately 11:36 am   |
| 2        | <i>Introductions</i> – Attendees introduced themselves and provided updates on current events/ projects occurring at their respective organizations/companies.   |
| 3        | <i>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes</i> - Approval of March meeting minutes by Amanda Gilleland, seconded by Rick Gilbert  |
| 4        | <i>Environmental Science Technology Program Updates</i> – Maura Scanlon provided updates on changes to AS Enviro Sci Technology degree program effective Fall 2018 – new CCC Water Quality Technician and four courses rewritten, HAZWOPER 40 integrated into EVR 1016 face to face course   |
| 5        | Sandy Decarlo distributed information about current student population – comparing enrollment in major from Fall 2017 to Fall 2018, enrollment is up from 114 to 139. 17 students graduated last year from the program. A majority of students are part-time (77%), and most (75%) are non-traditional students (ages 22+). Students are successful in the program, with 69% having a GPA of 3.0 or higher. As two subplans are phased out, the other two subplans (Water Resources & Environmental Resource Conservation) have almost an even split in terms of enrollment. |
| 6        | Jacob Wortock spoke about SPC's new partnership with career network "Handshake" which will be available to current students as well as alumni at no charge. Maura Scanlon advised committee members she would send out information about posting jobs on Handshake.  |
| 7        | <i>AACC/NSF MentorLinks Grant</i> – Maura updated everyone on progress of grant objectives – all objectives for first year were met, from equipment purchases, installation of monitoring well, curriculum updates and training. Maura completed Train-the-trainer and can now train students in HAZWOPER 40. Amanda and   |

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|    | Maura attended STEM Solar Educator Training, and have started to integrate new material into environmental courses.  |
| 8  | Objectives for coming year will be to purchase equipment for hazmat class, refresher training for Maura, and Maura asked committee members if they had any old hazmat equipment that could be used for training purposes only to contact her to donate it.   |
| 9  | Another objective would be NABCEP training for Amanda. Rick Gilbert advised and offered resources to Amanda for training.  |
| 10 | Additional objectives include partnering with SPC corporate training for GIS courses, and following up with corporate training in regard to water C-license trainings.   |
| 11 | <i>Professional Organizations</i> Maura advised there is currently a student chapter for TBAEP, but wanted input about other possible ones that may benefit students. Patricia West suggested AWMA, Ray Gorman suggested APWA, AWWA, FRWA, FWPCOA are possibilities as well. Waunda Barcus advised AWWA tends to be for water engineers, while FWPCOA would be more suitable for operators. Rick Gilbert mentioned FLSEIA as well. |
| 12 | <i>Upcoming Events</i> 10/17 SPC Environmental Science Open House on the Seminole campus, 10/23 Job Fair on the Seminole Campus, 10/20 St. Pete Sci Fest (SPC will have two tables there) 10/27 STEM Fest at Clearwater Campus   |
| 13 | <i>Open Agenda</i> Waunda provided information that the City of St. Pete has many diverse job positions, and approximately 12 new open positions are sent out via email weekly. Part-time jobs are a good entry into the organization. Ray Gorman also indicated the growth in apprenticeship programs at PTC has been a beneficial development for both employers and job seekers.  |
| 14 | Next Meeting 2/28/19 at the SPC Epicenter – Workforce connections event will start at 8am, followed by advisory meeting from 9:10-10am.  |
| 15 | Meeting adjourned approximately 12:32pm  |