

St. Petersburg College  
**Veterinary Technology Program**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**11/2/2011**

**Minutes**

Attending: Tom Lane, Duane Steward, Rhonda Valdez, Rich Flora,  
 Tricia Gorham, Phillip Strauss

Regrets: Robert Barrett, Gary Oswald

**OLD BUSINESS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Recommendations</b>	<b>Action</b>
Review April 15, 2011 minutes	Move to approve Rhonda Valdez  Second Duane Steward	Approved
Enrollment	Discussed enrollment for AS and BAS programs.  Interest in program continues to be very high – both on campus and online, AS and BAS.	Admitted 48 on campus and 40 online students to the AS program in August, 2011. Admitted 29 BAS students. Admitted 18 online AS students and 18 BAS students in May, 2011.
Program Changes	Currently reviewing AS program courses to make sure “active learning” is being used and that the assessments being used are reliable, appropriate, and actually	Inserting group/team projects in all courses. Tom Lane

	determine if our students are meeting the learning objectives for our courses. Redesign of nursing and medicine courses is complete. Implementation of active learning assignments and updated assessments will begin in January and be a continuing process.	suggested making sure ethics is addressed in every course. Will make sure that happens.
Graduation	Graduated 38 AS students at the May 2011 and 18 AS students at the July 2011 commencements. Graduated 14 BAS students at the May 2010 and 4 BAS students at the July 2010 commencements	
VTNE results	Discussed July/August 2011 VTNE results. SPC pass rate remains above the national average. The national pass rate was 76%. SPC pass rates were 80.6% for campus students, 93.3% for online students, and 84.8% overall.	Continue to evaluate course content, teaching effectiveness, and test performance.
New building	We moved in to our new building on August 15. It is a beautiful facility. Punch list items are being completed.	Still deciding on if a grand opening will occur.
New VT programs	New program at Pensacola State College will open next year. No developments at Indian River State College, Edison State College, or Santa Fe State College.	Will contact other program directors to see if interested in getting together during FVMA conference.

Equipment purchases	Purchased electrosurgical and therapeutic laser units.	Will monitor equipment needs as continue to occupy new building.
Labor market data	Job announcements still coming in. Bureau of Labor Statistics continues to project a strong job outlook for veterinary technicians in Florida.	Continue to monitor job outlook.
Graduate placement	Placement continues to be 97% +	Continue to monitor along with job market outlook and applications.
Graduate and Employer Surveys	Graduate and employer surveys indicate both groups are very satisfied with the programs.	Re-examine employer questions. Try to increase the number of employer surveys to increase the sample size.
Student Internships	New internships at UF veterinary teaching hospital have worked out very well.	Contact other vet schools to see if interest is there for internships for our students. Will also contact state diagnostic lab and fish and wildlife to see if interest is there.

BAS update	Enrollment very good. Nutrition and Animal Science courses have been well received by students applying to UF veterinary school	
Next meeting	April 2012. Date to be determined.	

### New Business

Marketing	Asked committee members to think of ways to market our programs.	Ongoing project
Emerging areas of veterinary medicine	Duane Steward suggested more team/group activities and projects in courses to prepare students for conditions in work place.	Group/team assignments are being inserted into courses.
AVMA site visit	Site visit occurred December 7-9, 2011. Very good visit. Site team made a couple of good suggestions for improvement is record-keeping.	As soon as report is available will forward to committee members.