

St. Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tues. 4/16/2013
7:00 PM

Minutes

Attending: Tom Lane, Rhonda Valdez, Gary Harrell, Allison Sateren, Duane Steward, Rich Flora, Tricia Gorham, Stacey Wieder, Krista Fusari

Regrets: none

OLD BUSINESS

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Review Sept 6, 2012 minutes	Move to approve Gary Oswald Second Rhonda Valdez	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.	Current enrollment is 142 campus and 191 online AS students, 125 BAS students. Are currently compiling applications for summer. Interest remains very strong
Program Changes	Gen ed prerequisite changes will take effect in fall. Curriculum changes recommended by faculty took effect this past fall.	Will monitor how changes affect enrollment and student performance on VTNE

Graduation	Graduated 27 AS students and 8 BAS students in December	
VTNE results	Discussed March/April and November/December 2012 VTNE results.	Concerned about campus pass rate. Increased work experience clinic requirements from 64 to 100 hours each semester. Will monitor test performance to see how this change and the curriculum changes affect pass rate.
New building	No issues with building remain	
New VT programs	New program at Heritage College in Ft Meyers.	
Equipment purchases	No new equipment purchased recently	Asked committee to advise if new technology is being used so we can make sure our students are aware and can use.
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 surveys indicate our recent graduates are very satisfied with the programs. Employer survey return rate is very poor.	Discussed ways to increase employer response rates – incentives, sponsored surveys, provide as online survey. Will contact our department overseeing surveys to see how we can improve response.
Student Internships	New internship at Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab	Duane provided contact information for magic Kingdom to explore possibilities there.
BAS update	Enrollment continues to be strong No curriculum changes recently.	
Marketing Ideas	Discussed ways to promote programs.	Posters to clinics, emails to professional organizations
Emerging areas of veterinary medicine	As we review our curriculum it will be very important to incorporate new technology and knowledge our students	Inform us about new developments so we can make

	will need to be successful.	sure they are covered in our program.
New BS Degree	No new developments. Have been contacted by USF – St Petersburg regarding possibility of MS degree in veterinary science.	Stacey Weider and Gary Oswald will check with their organizations to see if such a degree would be beneficial to their employees.
Student Exchange Program	Students from Hansenberg College’s veterinary technology are here from April 6 through April 26.	Our students will go there from June 24 through July 6. Look into exchanges with Canadian programs
State limitations	No change in the out-of-state requirements at this time. As a result, we are no longer offering our programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, and North Carolina.	Will continue to monitor situation.
Florida program director meeting	Will continue to meet annually.	Location to be determined for this year.

New Business

Internships	New internship at Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab mentioned above	Will continue to look for opportunities for our students.
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State credentialing of veterinary technicians	Letter sent to Dr. Bass, president of FVMA, outlining proposal to credential veterinary technicians in Florida. Letter was provided prior to meeting.	Will monitor for FVMA response
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Next Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 Location: EpiCenter 13805 58th St. N. Clearwater	
Dinner	6-7:30 PM
Fall meeting	7:30-9 PM