

St Petersburg College
Veterinary Technology Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
May 2, 2018
Minutes

Attending – Gary Harrell, Dr. David Landers, Dr. Greg Masters, Dr. Allison Sateren, Ms. Tosha Zimmerman, Mr. Adam Holder, Ms. Tricia Gorham, Dr. Cynthia Grey, Dr. Rich Flora

Regrets – Ms. Jane Hamblin, Dr. Stacey Huber, Dr. Barbara Lewis, Ms. Rhonda Valdez, Dr. Denise Vondrasek, Ms. Stacey Huber

Welcome

Review/Approve October 25, 2017 minutes

Motion – Gary, Second – Greg, approved

Old Business

Curriculum Review

- Review new curriculum – Trish reviewed the proposed changes to the AS curriculum. Goal is to increase the amount of lab/hands on time and address areas of needed improvement identified by student input, VTNE performance, and faculty input. Initial new design was reviewed by our vice president who asked for another review to see if any consolidation of proposed courses is possible. Faculty will review over the summer.

- Cyndy reviewed changes to BAS curriculum. Goal is to consolidate the one credit first semester courses into a three credit course, create a new communications/professional development course, and create a new capstone course which will provide students the opportunity to design a work-related project or internship.

International programs

- Going to Australia December 2018, July 2019
- Some students are going to the dolphin center in Key Largo this summer on their own. May be a site for a summer course in 2019.

Enrollment – has declined for the summer. From student feedback major reasons seem to be finances and personal circumstances.

VTNE

- 66.67% pass rate for our students taking the exam during the November/December test window. National pass rate was 63.95%.

AVMA site visit results

- AVMA accreditation site visit was November 29 – December 1 – major findings revolved around procedures associated with our Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved procedures. The head of our accreditation site team was a research veterinarian, so he looked deeper into

those areas. The rest of the visit went very well and the site team was very complimentary.

- I received a call from the AVMA indicting we were fully reaccredited. They also let me know that most of the citings from the site visit were associated with the IACUC findings and have been removed as we are not a research facility and are not subject to the depth of requirements in that area. We should receive our letter with the site team findings within the next couple of weeks.
- Our request to have our online and on campus programs combined for accreditation purposes was approved. That means we only have to prepare one report and pay one accreditation fee from now on.

New Business

Next Meeting - October 2018