

MINUTES
RVT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016
6:00 PM., BUILDING 80, ROOM 1250

Industry Representatives: Dana Mammary, Dr. Carol McLaughlin, Dr. Gary White, and Michelle Rash

Mt. SAC Faculty and Staff: Matthew Judd, Maya Padilla, Dr. Gary Uyeno, Darlene Vale, and Dawn Waters

Students: Melanie Straughan

1. Welcome – Dawn Waters welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and then reviewed the purpose of an advisory committee.
2. Approval of Minutes from March, 2015 - The minutes from March, 2015 were distributed and reviewed. It was noticed that Ellen Teneriello was not on the list of people attending the meeting but had made a motion to approve an item. This was noted and amended.
3. Fall, 2015 Class Updates – Classes were once again full with full waitlists. We added a couple of sections of classes. Several first-year lecture courses did have a few open seats in them after the first week.
4. Animal Science Advisory Committee – Introductions were made of the new Animal Science Advisory members and once they were introduced their committee moved to another room to reconvene.
4. RVT Advisory Committee Members– We are looking to add more members to the RVT Advisory Committee. Please think about who you might ask to come join us. We would like to get a good mix of industry representatives. Some names were mentioned like Dierk Biggs, Elaine Meyers and Silvia Lemus.
5. RVT Student Updates – We held two RVT Orientations this semester but did not seem to get more students to attend. We will go down to 1 Orientation per semester and Dawn will not meet with students on an individual basis for the missed orientation. Students MUST attend the orientation in order to be added to the program.
6. VTNE Results – Our 3-year pass rate for the VTNE is at 85% but our most recent statistics were 89% for the November-December, 2015 exam. We still feel like our students need to take the test immediately following Medical and Surgical

Nursing. We believe that our application into advanced courses and our co-requisites for Medical and Surgical Nursing will help.

7. Changes to our Curriculum – The Advisory committee is in full support of our application procedure and can't wait for it to take place. We talked about adding AGHE 62A – Clinical Pathology as a co-requisite to Medical Nursing and AGHE 62B – Clinical Pathology as a co-requisite for Surgical Nursing. This will make sure that the students are finished with those classes and can sit for the VTNE right after finishing Surgical Nursing. Maya Padilla brought up a motion to approve these changes to the curriculum and Michelle Rash second it. The entire committee was for the changes.

8. Perkins – The Committee is well aware of the role of Perkins in our program funding. We went over this year's list of equipment and supplies. Dr. White asked if UC Davis was the only source for mannikins and Gary said there were others but when Mt. SAC tried them their quality was not very good. The committee was in favor of all the equipment and supplies that we are asking for.

9. AVMA Site Visit – The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) will be doing their 5-year site visit at Mt. SAC from January 18 – 20, 2016. More information will come to the advisory committee but Dawn just wanted them to know that they will need to be present as part of that site visit.

10. Career Night – Due to the bomb threat that canceled our last advisory meeting, we have canceled the Career night from this semester to the Fall Semester. The committee talked about how we should present material to the students during the career night. Melanie Straughan said that students do not want to stand around and listen to people talk individually. She said that we should introduce all the participants for the career fair to them in the beginning and then turn the students loose to peruse the job booths. Michelle Rash brought up that we should allow the participants to give a 1-2 minute speech about the type of people that they would like to hire. The committee liked this idea and that is how we will set it up. Gary, Dawn and Maya will work on getting participants and picking the date of the job fair. We will have the fair after our next advisory meeting so that we can make changes as they feel necessary.

11. Next Meeting – The next RVT Advisory meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

12. Old Business – None

13. New Business – Matt Judd brought up the idea of putting together a equine therapy program. Irene had received a letter stating that there is money out

there for us (up to \$100,000). The advisory committee liked this idea and said that we should move forward looking into this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.