



## Spring 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

**Program:** Veterinary Science

**Date:** 4/2/19

**Members Present:** Cathy Buckley, Jason Psalidas, Hope Humphries, Jim Humphries, Renae Leavitt

**Teachers:** Lee Pellegrino, Mike Grace, Becky Smith

**Program Facilitator:** Lee Pellegrino

**Committee Chair:** Cathy Buckley

### Agenda

- Portfolio review panel volunteers - will email all Adv board members once times are set
- Student Enrollment/Placement - gave update on juniors and seniors out on co-op
- New Trends in the Occupational Area
- Employment Outlook
- New Business
- Credential Survey Tool (See link on google doc for minutes, very important to complete as a group)
- Recommendations

**Subject:** New Trends in the Occupational Area

**Discussion:** Fear free still popular new trend in the field, computer systems changing often, all different and hard to keep up with, will be using Signature next year with Angell



**Subject:** Employment Outlook

**Discussion:** In the field the employment outlook is still good, insurance still an issue for co-op, need to have a paid position for hospital to cover liability insurance, options for students to purchase short-term insurance policy, NSCC uses it, maybe look into just doing this for our program

**Subject:** New business - construction in Vet Tech lab for Angell vet clinic

**Discussion:** Teachers gave update on progress, interview with potential vet today, hopefully will have more updates in the fall, old fish room being set up as lab space for now but being used for construction storage at the moment, fish room small for large classes, no space to work with dogs, how will Angell work with our curriculum requirements, how to make sure all kids get all competencies

Articulation agreements - students can get 3 credits from NSCC Animal Care Program, can test out of math and science classes, some courses were offered for free through NSCC in the past

Animal needs: working with farm manager and other animal science teachers to stick to framework breeds and handle increased numbers of students

NAVTA - making more of an impact because educated technicians being pushed, can limit our students because they won't be able to do some skills, if it's going to limit what our students are able to do then don't do it, don't need designation to get entry level job, going to have to do training with them anyways, we have more animals and options for students than other schools with vet hospitals like Nashoba, working with Angell will look good on our students resumes

**Subject:** Industry recognized credential survey (please complete as a group)

**Discussion:** Filled out as a group

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**The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:45 pm**