

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: St. Petersburg College - Request Site Designation Approval for a Veterinary Technology Special Purpose Center in Seminole, Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02(4)(e), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Education's strategic imperative to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning is achieved with the approval of this request for the special purpose center. Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State capital outlay and operating support, the facilities must be designated a campus, center or special purpose center. Based on the documentation presented by the college, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 FAC are satisfied. The college is requesting the designation of a new site in Seminole, Florida, as a Special Purpose Center to house its Veterinary Technology Program. This request is the result of a partnership with the School Board of Pinellas County to co-locate the College's Veterinary Technology Program at the existing Seminole Vocational Education Center. The School Board's Veterinary Assisting Program is located, on a 47-acre site approximately one mile west of the College's existing Seminole Campus. St. Petersburg College students already utilize this site and its facilities for their large animal studies as part of an ongoing agreement with the School Board. The primary threshold for a Special Purpose Center in Rule 6A-14.0061(3) FAC, is that a site has a limited number of special, clearly defined programs or services, such as instruction or administration and this request satisfies that guideline.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, Proposal, BOT Approval and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061

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