



# SAVMA<sup>®</sup>

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at Tufts University

## Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes

October 21, 2019

**Members in Attendance:** Kendra Nowak, Rachael Alionhart, Cameron Pryor, Rafaella Susara, Emily Koemeter-Cox, Lindsay Smith, Alena Naimark & Ashley Sanchez

**Faculty Members in Attendance:** Dr. Marieke Rosenbaum

### Kendra

1. Club Funding
  - a. Lindsay has messaged clubs with members NOT in good standing as well as individual people about their SAVMA membership
2. Symposium & Election
  - a. Date of lecture: **Monday, October 28th**
    - i. Pizza for the lunch talk
    - ii. Sign up will need to go out **tomorrow**
  - b. Better to have someone NOT on the executive board to give the presentation to have an unbiased opinion (Julia Fosburg)
  - c. Alena has already worked on the PPT some
  - d. Travel grant for symposium
    - i. Last year, split b/w 20 people
  - e. When do we need to know about delegates?
    - i. Dictates election blurb send in dates + election dates
  - f. **TO DO:** Rafaella: to reserve AVA for lunch talk → **COMPLETED**
  - g. **TO DO:** Delegates/ Symposium Committee: send out lunch talk sign ups & order pizza for talk
3. Travel Grants
  - a. Email will be sent out soon
  - b. Timeline: 6 months on either side (specific dates will be sent in email)
  - c. Add into applications:
    - i. Add in SAVMA ID#
    - ii. Checkbox with "I paid my dues this year"
    - iii. Picture needed w/ an "All for Students" sign since using their funding for some grants
      1. Have all recipients take a picture when receiving their check
  - d. **TO DO:** Kendra: to email travel grant out to the entire school -Done
    - i. **Due date: Tuesday, November 12th @ 5pm**

4. MVMA Newsletter
  - a. Editor: Dr. Labato
  - b. Requested articles written by Tufts students that represents life as a veterinary student
  - c. How to encourage entries?
    - i. For those who need to make-up committee hours
    - ii. For committee heads- an add'l requirement
    - iii. General entries- 2x per year
    - iv. Used to find lecture speakers in the area for lunch talks
  - d. More information/ questions for Dr. Labato: (done)
    - i. Can we lessen the amount of articles needed (currently requesting 9)?
      1. Idea: collection of articles once in the fall and once in the spring
    - ii. Word count/ expectations
    - iii. Topic choices/ theme of journal
    - iv. Who/ where do students submit these articles?
5. SLO Hoedown
  - a. Community event that ties in veterinary medicine
  - b. Attendance for this past event: 30 people
    - i. Considered a traditional event by both SAVMA + administration
  - c. Possible idea in the future: organize going to a place nearby that holds contra/ line dancing instead of throwing a hoedown at the school
  - d. Survey to gauge interest before holding the event next year
    - i. Ask for other ideas from students
    - ii. Should be sent out before someone takes over the e-board position
  - e. Rebranding is needed for the event
    - i. On-campus vs. off-campus
    - ii. Niche event
  - f. **TO DO:** Ashley: to email SLO e-board about sending out survey
6. Future Scaredy Cat 5K
  - a. Community event that ties in veterinary medicine
    - i. Considered a traditional event by both SAVMA + administration
  - b. Why did the price go up? \$25 this year compared to \$15 last year
    - i. Extra expense for clean-up
    - ii. Police detail is needed since crossing a main road
    - iii. Fundraising for Travis Fund
  - c. Have sponsors already for prizes
  - d. To save money encourage costumes instead of purchasing t-shirts
  - e. **TO DO:** Kendra: email BB about getting subsidies for these "traditional" events for the future and possibly now
7. Faculty advisor survey
  - a. Gauging ideas from faculty about organized vet med
  - b. Looking for another faculty member to be an advisor for us
  - c. **TO DO:** Kendra: to send Marieke survey -DONE

## Emily

1. Dog Club proposal
  - a. Faculty advisor: Dr. Rozanski
    - i. E-board: 3 people sharing responsibility (all V'22s)
  - b. Changed name to: Canine Club
  - c. Mission: dog related medicine- genetic testing, showing, breeding
    - i. Build a relationship w/ AKC
  - d. Uniqueness: NO club on campus that is canine focused
    - i. Good to start a positive relationship w/ breeders which is NOT as strong as it should be/ currently is in vet med
  - e. Lunch talk on October 16th about OFA + hip dysplasia testing → already past, sponsored
    - i. AKC lunch + learn for November 12th → already planned, sponsored
    - ii. AKC show field trip → already planned
    - iii. And many others
  - f. Budget of \$950 for the year
    - i. Includes sponsored event costs
    - g. APPROVED as a new club on campus**
2. Lunch talk attendance
  - a. People are signing up for lunch talks + NOT showing up
    - i. A problem w/ professionalism
  - b. Addressed in Dr. Frank's Professionalism class for first years
  - c. **TO DO**: Ashley: to send email (first to Kendra + then) to clubs about attendance problem

## Rachael

1. Extent of involvement from the single member of Symposium Committee
  - a. Discussed under Symposium + Election
2. Research on transparency still in the works

## Alena

1. 4th year enrollment
  - a. Increased after receiving the email for the stethoscope clips
    - i. Deadline of: November 1st → changes can be made for 1 week after
  - b. List from National SAVMA comes out every other week

## Ashley

1. Masters program students wanting to be more involved w/ DVM students
  - a. Add them into email lists (all students) for lunch talks + events
  - b. **TO DO**: Ashley: to ask BB about sending emails out to master students

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, November 19th @ 5pm**