Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes
November 19, 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. Advisor search
   a. 4 people respond to faculty advisor survey: Dr. Labato, Wetmore, Sharkey, Wolfus
      i. Idea of having 3 advisors
         1. May make coming to meetings easier → able to trade off
      ii. TO DO: Kendra: to email potential advisors + invite to December meeting before confirming their position

2. Chapter charter agreement and constitution
   a. TO DO: Kendra: to email Jackie to find out what the agreement and constitution actually should entail

3. Meeting w/ Deans + class council leaders
   a. Meeting is in December
      b. Kendra will be going as the SAVMA rep
         i. Continue to make the campus more “green” especially with lunch talks
         ii. Possible dishwasher for the plates
         iii. Possible funding/donation for reusable utensils
         iv. Improvements to lounges in Varis Campus Center
            1. Impediment to student studying and learning
            2. More tables and chairs
         v. Only food on campus is Elm’s Cafe, which closes at 3pm
            1. Ask for longer hours
         vi. SAVMA Duty Hour Guidelines
         vii. Structure and membership of current SAVMA
         viii. Poufy hats for graduation

4. December meeting scheduling
   a. Need to meet to approve by-law changes
      b. TO DO: Everyone: to read their section of the bylaws to make sure the duties align with what you do now
      c. Tentative date: Friday, December 6th @ 5pm
         i. TO DO: Rafaella: to email Linda to reserve a room

5. Why organized vet med
a. Dr. Frank sent out email twice to faculty
   i. 14 responses total
b. Made document in the president-elect folder about what faculty said

6. Dr. Labato's journal article search
   a. ACVIM sent an email to its members about an article being published
   b. Perhaps combine w/ coffee committee for writing articles
      i. Coffee Committee → AVMA Writing Committee
      ii. TO DO: Kendra: to email Dr. Labato about sending out a mass email to
          generate interest → will consider adding a specific committee for future
   c. Coffee Committee vs. Wellness Committee
      i. Wellness has been providing coffee and tea in VLH for 3rd/4th years
      ii. Coffee available in McGrath is already on the Honor System
          1. Fear of making the coffee free may increase spending/ costs
          2. Fear of increasing our human footprint with k-cups

Emily
1. New e-board recruitment
   a. Will continue the search and recruitment process w/ the V’23s
   b. Idea of having current board members say what being on the SAVMA e-board
      has given then
   c. TO DO: Ashley: talk to V’23s (+/- to post on V’23 FB official page)
   d. TO DO: Kendra: to post on V’23 FB official page
   e. TO DO: Lindsay: to reach out to V’23 class council about encouraging V’23s to
      sign up for SAVMA e-board

Rachael
1. SAVMA Symposium
   a. Hotels
      i. Hotel Ithaca: still have NOT heard back
         1. Left 2 messages and called 3 times
      ii. Hilton Garden Inn: ONLY a few rooms available = NOT enough for all
      iii. Ithaca Marriott Downtown: Currently have 9 +1 rooms booked @ $6372.07 (after tax & discount for F/S/Su, NOT Monday)
         1. In the hub of their downtown
         2. Would NOT have to pay for parking
            a. TO DO: Rachael: to double check on parking fees
         3. One of the 3 hotels that Cornell provides transportation for
      4. 40 min walk from vet school, 20 min from the edge of campus, 30
         min walk from Bailey Hall (opening ceremony, 9 min drive)
      5. Was told I could likely change the dates to be Friday PM - Monday
         AM if I called soon
         a. Instead of Saturday PM - Tuesday AM → price would likely
            be $5,070 instead
b. Currently NO discount for Monday night

iv. Other hotels
   1. Would need to account for parking passes in travel grants to get to Cornell
      a. Like $10/ day = **$30 for 3 days**
   v. Emailed the Symposium email address about the lack of Monday night discount and hope to hear back

b. Travel
   i. **35 people** signed up for lottery
      1. Usually decide the travel grant amount
   ii. About 5.6 hours one way
   iii. AA Transportation
      1. Leaving @ Friday 6/13/19 PM and returning Monday 6/16/19 PM
         a. **$4300 roundtrip for 44 passenger coach bus**
            i. Has storage for luggage
         b. **$3500 roundtrip for 55 passenger school bus**
            i. Remember, NO storage and less comfy
         c. NO gratuity included in these prices
      2. Under the assumption that we would book hotels for Friday - Sunday
         a. Checkout at 11AM for hotel
         b. 3rd years have white coat ceremony, but IDK how many would be doing that and also going (1 signed up for lottery)
         c. NOTE: ONLY 400 people allowed at closing ceremony (night event)
   iv. Carpool
      1. @ potentially 20 winners x $200 each = **$4000**
      2. Gas estimated at $35 one way, $70 both ways
         a. Maybe round up to $100 per person
         b. At the above price could give out 40 travel grants of $100 each, assuming everyone drove individually
      3. However I assume that if you carpool and both have travel grants, both grants could go towards the same car’s expenses
         a. Maybe could give out according to car/ buddies/ groups?
   c. Registration = **$85 for each person**
      i. **$2975** for everyone signed up for the lottery (assuming they all go)
   d. **Question:** Taking the above points into account, **should I book more rooms?**
      i. **TO DO:** Rachael: to book 3 more rooms to be safe
      ii. **TO DO:** Rachael: to email everyone who signed up about the new lottery system
      iii. **TO DO:** Rachael: to give us an email preview on Slack before sending it out
   e. Another talk about the future of Symposium Committee
i. Point person for the actual Symposium

f. Reimbursement for each person
   i. Registration
   ii. Hotel stay
   iii. Lottery winners ONLY: travel

Last item of business: Travel Grants