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at Tufts University

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 them
 - 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**