



SAVMA®

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at Tufts University

Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes

December 6, 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. Lois Wetmore & Dr. Greg Wolfus

Kendra

1. Welcome to new advisors: Dr. Lois Wetmore & Dr. Greg Wolfus
 - a. **TODO:** Rafaella- add professors to Slack → **COMPLETED**
2. ALL for Students funding spring ideas
 - a. Due at the beginning of January
 - i. Require month and amount that will be spent on the event
 - b. Travel grants \$1,000 + General Wellness \$500 + Career Chats \$200 + One Health Day \$250
 - i. Total w/ last semester's numbers too ⇒ \$6,400
 - ii. \$1,350 left over
 - c. **TODO:** Emily- email committee heads about money available from ALL for Students for events

Emily

1. Updates from Deans' lunch meeting today
 - a. Meeting included: 2 people from each class council plus SAVMA
 - i. Included: Dr. Cribb, Dr. Frank & Barbara Berman
 - b. Spoke about:
 - i. Green/ sustainability initiative → requested access to a dishwasher to wash reusable dishes
 1. Deans are possibly considering adding a dishwasher in VLH
 2. Ideal requests:
 - a. Have access to a dishwasher in each lecture hall
 - b. Increase number of plates available and place some in each lecture hall
 - c. Garner reusable utensils
 - ii. Places to study on campus + lack thereof
 1. More furniture in the loud lounge was requested
 2. Dean asked for a survey on how students use the lounge area to see if turning the lounges into study areas would be well received
 - iii. Places to eat on campus past 5pm → noted + moved on
 1. Elm's Cafe is privately owned

- iv. SAVMA Duty Hour Guidelines
 - 1. Curriculum Committee is working on clinical rotation hours
 - a. Changes in SA Tx's are undergoing
 - b. LAH calls in students before 4th years
 - c. SAM rotation is continuing to be hard to fit the guidelines to have continuous quality animal care throughout the case
 - 2. Progress is being made slowly but surely
 - 3. **TO DO**: delegates: reach out to new veterinary schools about their clinical year guidelines
- v. Pouffy (tam) hats at graduation
 - 1. In the past, has been an issue
 - 2. Deans noted that most other schools have mortar boards
- vi. Composite photos
 - 1. Dean Cribb was surprised that we do not have portraits taken for composite pictures
 - 2. May be a new implementation
 - 3. Idea to add composite photos along with our diploma when graduating
- c. Rushed through the meeting
 - i. Follow-up w/ an email about the ideas that were not discussed to length

Rachael

- 1. Symposium updates
 - a. 41 signed up as attending
 - i. Hotel rooms
 - 1. 34 have chosen rooms
 - a. One person is currently alone → will consolidate
 - b. Are the upcoming delegate & president- elect signed up?
 - c. 4 do NOT need a room
 - d. 1 person is unsure about lodging at the moment
 - e. 2 or 3 people are unaccounted for currently
 - 2. 3 rooms are leaving Monday night, all are arriving Friday night
 - 3. Need 9 rooms as of now + will consolidate people
 - a. How long do we keep the extra rooms for?
 - b. Will we allow for more of the 3 person rooms if they're leaving Monday instead (as that saves us money)?
 - ii. Carpooling
 - 1. 34 people are signed up for carpooling
 - a. 10 cars total = ~\$1000
 - i. 1 car only has 2 people so far
 - 2. 4 travel lottery applicants = ~\$400
 - 3. 1 person is unsure whether they will be funded through other means

4. 2 are unaccounted for
 5. 1 person going to / from syracuse need decision on
- iii. Registration
 1. 5 people have NOT registered yet, BUT registration just reopened today
 2. With 41 people signed up, costs \$3,485 for reimbursement (up from \$2975 from last month)
 - b. Sent reminder/ clarification email today → above info may have changed since
 - c. Monday night discount is still unknown

GENERAL TO DOs:

1. Qualtrics survey: to prioritize student initiatives to see what SAVMA should focus on
 - a. Sent out in January
 - b. Current ideas:
 - i. Green initiative
 - ii. Tam for graduation
 - iii. No single use campus
 - iv. Other: write in
2. Green initiative
 - a. Email to clubs why/ why NOT using dishes
 - b. Which locations (select all that apply) would help having a dishwasher in?
 - c. Use the dishwasher over in Administration Building until a dishwasher is purchased
 - d. For smaller lunch talks/ clubs that can fit in the Administration Building, book it!
 - i. Easy access to dishwasher
 - e. Change how people/ clubs sign up for reusable plates

Last item: edit by-laws

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, January 21st @ 5:00pm