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## Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes

January 21, 2019

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

**Faculty Members in Attendance:** Drs. Marieke Rosenbaum, Lois Wetmore, Greg Wolfus

### Kendra

1. Invitation to new e-board members
  - a. Entire board will be present during the February meeting
2. Planning for Euthanasia Lunch Talk for the V'21s
  - a. Date: Friday, February 7th
  - b. Funding:
    - i. ALL for Students is providing \$400
    - ii. V'21 Class Council is providing \$200
    - iii. Wellness Committee has helped with planning in the past
  - c. Plan for about 105 people
    - i. Need to cover V'21 class plus panelists
    - ii. Important to have everyone's dietary needs met
  - d. **TO DO:** Kendra: set up a poll for the V'21s to vote on and propose menu options for the event ("choose all" poll)
    - i. Ideas:
      1. Elm's- baked potato bar, taco bar
      2. Bushel and Peck
      3. Udupi (Indian restaurant)
      4. Uptown Mediterranean
3. Scrubs for next fall
  - a. For the next e-board to plan (V'22s & V'23s)
  - b. New implementation of certain scrub colors for preclinical students while in the hospital
    - i. Pre-clinical students are to have brown scrubs
    - ii. School will not be purchasing scrubs for students
    - iii. Idea of different colors for different personnel → will help people distinguish roles while in the hospital
  - c. Scrub sale through SAVMA at the beginning of the year
    - i. Similar to AAEP's dissection instrument sale for anatomy
    - ii. SAVMA members could receive a discount on the scrubs
      1. Can also be sold at the SAVMA store throughout the year

- iii. Idea to purchase both “regular/ boxy” and fancy (Figs-like) scrubs to cater to the entire student population
- iv. Must emphasize that students are not required to purchase the scrubs through SAVMA
- d. Need to talk to administration before going forward with the idea

## Emily

1. ALL for Students Funding ⇒ \$1300 total
  - a. Travel grants ⇒ \$1000
  - b. Euthanasia lunch talk ⇒ \$400
  - c. General Wellness ⇒ \$450
  - d. Young Vet Panel ⇒ \$450
    - i. Event is being held by Professional Development Committee
    - ii. 5 veterinarians in 5 different areas that have been practicing for <5y
    - iii. Held during Diversity Month since there is a diverse panel planned
      1. Working in: community medicine, LA, wildlife/ exotic, lab animal, SA
    - iv. May be able to receive more funding through Suzanne Upkong (organizing Diversity Month)
2. SAVMA Financial Wellbeing Grant
  - a. Partnered with VBMA for a 3 part series on Basic Financial Literacy
  - b. 1st speaker: Paul Correa
    - i. Explanation on benefits package and contracts
  - c. 2nd speaker: Charlotte (from Financial Aid Office) may be giving a credit card lunch talk
  - d. 3rd speaker: TBD- idea of home ownership/ mortgage lunch talk
3. Changes to the process of approving clubs
  - a. Background information:
    - i. Approached about a new Rehabilitation Club and Therio Club
    - ii. Currently, there are 26 clubs on-campus
      1. BUT funding has not changed as club numbers have grown
  - b. Proposed to suggested Rehabilitation Club → recommended Rehabilitation Representative within both Canine Club and AAEP
  - c. Last week, Kendra spoke to club leaders about combining clubs if possible
    - i. September would be the perfect time to combine clubs
    - ii. Proposed combinations:
      1. Avian → WAZE
      2. VDRC → ???
      3. VGS → ???
      4. ASLAP → Pathology
    - iii. Important to save SOPs even with clubs become combined
    - iv. Diversity Council is interested in starting different committees and chapters → recommended to stay within the umbrella of TVCD

- d. Recommended that people who want to start new clubs seek out other clubs that they can hold specific lunch talks with
  - i. Reduces workload on each person
  - ii. Allows for immediate funding
    - 1. OR support clubs doing activities other than lunch talks
- e. To become a new club, currently require:
  - i. Submission of a proposal
  - ii. Faculty advisor
  - iii. 4 board members
  - iv. By-laws
  - v. Proposed new requirement: gauge interest in the club before approval
    - 1. Minimum of 40 signatures for support
    - 2. Proposed probationary period for 1 year to see how the club does on campus
- 4. \$2500 grant from the AVMA
  - a. Partner with Wellness Advisors at the medical and dental schools for a speed friendship type of event in the fall
    - i. Similar to speed dating (but not for dating purposes)
  - b. Possible time for the event: Cocktail Hour after Cadaver Exchange

### **Rachael**

- 1. Symposium stuff =
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fbsM8VvMA2vRE3iG\\_o7PIn-VIOPyijPG09m\\_Gum\\_pZU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fbsM8VvMA2vRE3iG_o7PIn-VIOPyijPG09m_Gum_pZU/edit?usp=sharing)
  - a. Saving \$
    - i. Removing a single hotel room and redistributing those occupants
    - ii. Two rooms indicate that they will be leaving Monday → able to cancel extra night
  - b. Final emails to be sent out Wednesday (tomorrow)
    - i. Emailing confirmation of those not accounted for
    - ii. Final rooming details
      - 1. Initial guest + credit card on file

### **Ashley**

- 1. Potential new store merchandise
  - a. SAVMA Store Committee want to add dog collars and dog leashes
    - i. Less than \$600 to purchase a quantity of 50 for both
  - b. Requested from e-board to Store Committee:
    - i. Photos of items
    - ii. Potential prices for each

## **Lindsay**

1. Joining SAVMA at this point in the year? Back dues? Making up committees?
  - a. V'22 wants to become a SAVMA member
    - i. Can pay back dues
      1. Able to pay at any point during the year until closed
    - ii. Would like to join clubs
    - iii. May not need to join a committee if she does not want travel grants, 4th year class gifts or post-graduation benefits
2. Two V23s are not on committee lists...
  - a. May not need to join committee if they do not want travel grants, 4th year class gifts or post-graduation benefits

## **Alena**

1. Class 10min break policy
  - a. Specifically pertaining to V'22s
  - b. Issue was brought up at the last administration meeting as well
  - c. More of a VERC rep issue
    - i. But can be a SAVMA issue if it is felt that this is a student body initiative
  - d. Timer for 2-5 minutes before the 50 minute mark
    - i. Can be proposed to VERC reps +/- Curriculum Committee
  - e. Power in student evaluations

## **General points of discussion**

1. Our current green initiative:
  - a. Installation of dishwashers on campus for the reusable plates being used in club lunch talks
    - i. Kendra and Emily met with Barbara Berman before winter break
      1. Kendra told club leaders to use the faculty dishwasher
    - ii. Kendra followed up with Barbara Berman via email recently
      1. Barbara Berman had met with facilities
      2. Facilities will not be in charge of the dishwasher, students will be
        - a. Use common sense! Your mother does not work here!
      3. Dr. Frank supports the idea, too
    - iii. Plan to push forward with the idea
      1. Needs to be within a certain code of cleanliness and power-ability
      2. Administration plans to order the dishwasher soon
    - iv. Starting with one in the campus center
    - v. Administration is working on making their own lunch talks eco-friendly
  - b. Sign up for plates has been implemented by Green Team
    - i. Club hosting the lunch talk: place dishes in the dishwasher
    - ii. Green Team: bring plates to the location and put them back in the conference room

2. Has AVMA been updated about new faculty advisors/notified that Burgess is no longer a faculty advisor? YES!