



ROSS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

General Board Meeting Agenda

Date: July 12th, 2016

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Guest Speakers**
 - ✚ Leslie Broadbelt—Financial Awareness Seminar/Fair
 - Financial Aid Office and Student Finance event
 - Monday and Tuesday of next week (July 18th and 19th) at 10-4pm in Student Union
 1. Special sessions 12:00, 3:00 Monday
 2. Special sessions 12:00 3:00 Tuesday
 - Class Reps to get flyers out to classes
 - Flyers up on campus by housekeeping
 - Canadian and International students as well
 - Put in SCAVMA newsletter, email, and Facebook event
 - Special sessions on Panopto
 - ✚ Josh Project
 - Handout sent to EB
 1. SCAVMA bulletin board to the right of Rituals/below monitor—looking for approval to put twice a semester updates: Stand-out Volunteer award, community news, national JP announcements, etc.
 - a. Partial use of space
 2. EB and GB involvement
 - a. Attend the events and find out about other needs/desires in the community
 - i. Community outreach taskforce?
 1. Mural in a neighborhood
 3. Last hospital visit Aug. 4th
 - a. Meet in Student Union at 4:00 to leave
 - b. Keep track of how many people volunteer each time?
 - c. Monthly updates on when visits will be: please email to skannouncements@rossvet.edu.kn to get it in the newsletters for future semesters
 4. Woof for Wellness to be held with SCAVMA (1x/year):
 - a. Need a committee with EB member, GB member, Wellness Liaison
 - b. Venue? (Beachhouse is closing due to erosion)
 5. July 25th Tiranja at the Royal—Josh Project Cook-Off
 - a. \$25EC for meal
 - b. Sample size portion for 100 people
 - c. Open to the public
 6. \$8,899.99 EC raised by Coin Fundraiser
 - a. 7th semester won this event
 7. Goals:
 - a. Joseph N. Fance General Hospital (current)

- i. Pediatric ward hub on island
 - b. Reach out to other hospitals
 - c. Potential hospital outreach on Nevis
 - 8. Faculty Advisor is in the works!
 - a. A way to get JP info to faculty
 - 9. Laura's announcement (co-chair)
 - a. Child in the hospital with kidney failure on dialysis and can't attend normal classes, behind in school
 - b. Needs new kidney and will need to go to US for surgery
 - i. JP Donated \$500EC to her account to fund her surgery and travel to the US for the procedure
 - ii. Could we pass around jars for students to make donations?
 - iii. Could SCAVMA match the amount (500EC) donated to?
 - 1. See below for vote
 - 10. JP believes that the Diversity Committee asking for dishes for their Diversity Day event and JP Cook-off asking for dishes is a conflict of interest
 - 11. SCAVMA banner? Does SCAVMA have the banner? Could it be provided for the Cook-Off?

✚ AABP, Swine Club, and Small Ruminant Club

- Here to answer questions regarding the ultrasound machine
 - 1. How will insurance work once insurance expires?
 - a. Buy an extended warranty through the company (maintenance, shipping covered by clubs)
 - i. Company does provide them, but they haven't looked into it (2-20 years, depends on package)
 - b. Estimate on extended warranty pricing?
 - 2. Maintenance?
 - a. Provided by clubs
 - b. Check-out system by each club's club advisor
 - c. Club to clean and return the machine after using it
 - 3. Stolen?
 - a. Locked in faculty advisor's office
 - b. Off campus: club's responsibility to replace if stolen
 - c. Etching by IT, LoJack installed on it (Lojack may make it unable to have warranty)?
 - 4. Can another club borrow it?
 - a. Work amongst clubs on scheduling when to check it out
 - b. Will a club that borrows it be able to afford to replace it?
 - 5. Written agreement amongst clubs sharing the machine? Not as of yet, but will look into doing something like this

✚ Dr. Schreiber and TAs

- Class reps polled their students
 - 1. Vet prep student feedback: Scheduling, double booking rooms, professors providing info to TA's that is covered in class, TA's teaching info not covered in class. No experience or feedback on tutors. Laura Kenzie is a tutor for Cell Phys. and has not been contacted.
 - 2. 1st semester:
 - a. TA's/Tutors: Class schedule and exam schedule make it hard to get everyone to show up; adjusted their approach by presenting new material at beginning and then clicker questions at the end. Trying to be receptive of what students want (John). PID tutor (Ann Marie): encourage students to contact them sooner.

- b. Database for professor to store things they want their tutors/TA's to teach to students each semester? (Krysta Bailey)
 - c. Knowing after an exam the attendance numbers are lower
- 3. 2nd Semester: Amazing anatomy tutors that people have taken advantage of. Scheduling is an issue –group tutoring and TA session (overlap). No problems presenting material, all correct material. Catherine Zelma is a tutor: Q/A tutor asking for student awareness of tutor time (can't teach everything at once). Bob: Q/A tutor lab was locked on a Sunday when he had scheduled session. Renee: Lab-guided TA—they ask the students for feedback and students like clicker questions. Students walking into sessions late and sitting on their phones.
- 4. 3rd semester: Only have 2 TA's for Pharm and a bunch of tutors—Tutors charging a large amount for an hour, but can be inflated because there are not a lot of TA's. Potentially, people aren't signing up to TA because they aren't getting paid enough, then resort to tutoring where they can charge more. Requirement for TA's in order to have tutors?
- 5. 4th Semester: Students are disappointed that there are no TA's for any classes and only 2 tutors. Call people who apply to be tutors and ask if they would be TA's instead? Nutrition tutor has been requested. No specific complaints. Unfair to have to pay for TA-like session by tutors when they don't have TA's available.
 - a. Dr. Schriber: "some professors don't want TA's."
- TA's: provide feedback to Dr. Schreiber—ran out of time
- ✚ BLM Event Coordinators presentation
 - Jessica Louissant (4th semester) as presenter
 1. SCAVMA addressed by Jessica: miscommunication and misinterpretation with Bob McCarthy on not allowing us to vote on holding the event before the Facebook event was created
 2. Not an event to tell others they do not matter
 3. Minority groups addressed in this event
 4. Want people to come together for a purpose that is bigger than ourselves/individuals
 5. Event on Thursday 9:50 at 20min. break
 - a. Two speakers
 - b. Moment of silence
 - c. Photograph (wear all black)
 6. Facebook event to be sent to faculty
 7. Krysta Bailey offering to serve as a listening ear for students
 8. Bob comment: Please do not use Facebook as an open forum to discuss this topic or topics like this
 9. If something does happen to manifest into an inappropriate situation
 - a. Jeff Fazio: Conversation vs. Discrimination policy
 10. Event advertised through VOICE organization on campus
 - a. Student run organization that are open to facilitating conversation amongst all students
 11. Sam Thompson: Please be careful with posting events and how they are presented to the student body

IV. Officer Reports

- ✚ President: Robert McCarthy
 - Leadership and Excellence Awards
 1. Please email Bob with feedback
 2. Please nominate faculty and staff as well
- ✚ Vice – President: Ann Marie Picone

- Laptop Loaner program
 1. Need 2016-2017 SCAVMA ID receipt (screenshot, email or printed receipt). Don't need RUSVM ID card to check out.
 - a. Class reps please notify students about this
 - ✚ Secretary: Lauren Kallaway
 - Survey for EB Feedback
 1. Due this Sunday at 5pm
 - ✚ Treasurer: Lindsay Binkow
 - No announcements
 - ✚ Activities Directors: Meghan Thorne & Elizabeth Kahn
 - Rudy Francisco: Wednesday July 20th
 1. SABA room 5:30 – 8:30 at the Marriott
 2. Start at 6pm
 3. Spoken Word/Poetry
 4. Cash Bar at the Event for Marriott Profit
 5. Post his performances for hype
 6. Students want to do performance before Rudy's? Email SCAVMA's AD's
 - a. Conflict with Open Mic Night which is on July 15th?
 - b. Just one student –Spoken word or poetry only (opening act?)
 - ✚ SAVMA Delegates: Kasie Sears Richey & Kayla Caturay
 - Announce SCAVMA membership percentages for classes
 - Food vendors updates:
 1. Student poles via Kawi: Yes! Students do want food vendors to be open on campus by large majority rule
 2. "Ray Francis is the person for Kawi to reach out to" –Sara Kaufman
 - ✚ Webmaster: Melissa Kane
 - No announcements
 - ✚ Parliamentarian: Adriana Rivera Aguayo
 - No announcements

V. Faculty Advisors

- ✚ Mr. Fazio
 - PASS Fashion Show in Upper and Lower Aud. this Friday at noon
 - Professional Proud Wednesday
 - PASS Certificate next Thursday 21st in Lower Aud. at 12pm
- ✚ Mr. Ramoutar –not present
- ✚ Dr. Huck—N/A
- ✚ Dr. Sample
 - Did a good job at SLEA's!

VI. Administration Advisors

- ✚ Mrs. Peeler and Ms. Kaufman
- ✚ Mr. du Plessis
- ✚ Mr. Haga
- ✚ Mrs. Simmonds

VII. Old Business

- Ultrasound for AABP, Small Ruminant Club, and Swine Club:
 - Two of the three clubs still need to complete 100% SCAVMA membership by August 1st before can be given a monetary amount
 - Swine Club has 100%
 - AABP, Small Ruminant Club needs more members to get the ultrasound
 - Discussion on still giving them full amount of ultrasound cost instead of half of the amount.

- SCAVMA would not technically own
- 2,000 – 3,000 EC typically given to clubs for speakers
- 7th semester uses the ultrasound that these clubs used previously
- Motion:** approve \$3,850 US (half of the full cost) –**denied**
- Dr. Sample: perhaps give them 75% of the total cost of the machine?
- Dr. Huck: SCAVMA to cover half the full cost and then provide a reserve amount for any needed future parts or other costs associated with wear and tear
- Amended motion:** pay 75% of original cost of ultrasound contingent on 100% SCAVMA membership by all three clubs, clubs buying extended warranty and/or insurance, and a written contract amongst the three clubs using it on who is responsible for it if it is damaged or stolen—**APPROVED (amended motion)**

-JP Chairs:

- it is within SCAMVA budget
- 2000 EC from SCAVMA to JP, but this fro
- motion: award JP 1000 EC to match
 - amount taken from “miscellaneous” portion of budget
- APPROVED**

VIII. New Business

IX. Open Forum

- Kawi:** Professors going over time after class time ahs ended
 - Need to follow up on this topic because it is getting back
 - Dr. Sample: discussion with Dr. Callanan and Dr. Pope –Need specific professor names
 - Give names to Dr. Sample
 - Clocks have synced with Panopto
- Ann Marie:** Idea to figure out/start how to start a Make A Wish type organization that RUSVM can do with the other schools on the island as a philanthropy with JP
 - Schriner’s hospital? (non-profit hospital; Brought up by Leeza has a connection)
 - Another idea (Kawi): “Wishmaker’s Club”
 - Grant small wishes to children in the local hospitals (ways to bring smiles to their faces)
 - Another idea: dance marathon
 - Another idea: GoFundMe page
- Haley:** Flyer up by Blue Semester and not taken down in a timely fashion
 - Lose flyering privileges for the next fundraising event but can still have marketing on Facebook (after two warnings are not acknowledged)
 - Handbook needs to be updated on the new RUSVM website for Class Rep’s and students
 - Concern that Blue Semester was targeted and the flyer rules are not being applied to every semester
- Sam:** Would like to require (go back to) 2 events on campus and 2 events off campus
 - AD’s would like to hear feedback from class reps on what they would like
 - Conflict with more new clubs vs. amount of days available for each event
 - Next meeting: please discuss
- Bob:** BLM Event on Thursday
 - Provide agenda/script on what will be said if SCAVMA’s name will be on the event
 - Emily: create another event on Dallas Shooting event?
 - Memorial fund is available
 - Equal opportunity
 - Could we combine events? Would need to be addressed by VOICE (who is hosting the event)
 - GB and EB were not made aware of this event prior to the event being put on Facebook

- The BLM event was approved by administration (after it was presented by VOICE to Hazarie, Mr. Fazio, and Bob McCarthy)
- In the future: a united event?
- Need to decide how we will pursue events like this in the future
- Motion:** SCAVMA endorses the BLM Movement event –**APPROVED**

X. Adjournment

Tentative General Board Meeting Dates

- ~~✦ 28th June 2016~~
- ~~✦ 5th July 2016 – Budget Meeting~~
- ✦ 12th July 2016
- ✦ 26th July 2016