



ROSS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

General Board Meeting Agenda

Date: July 26th, 2016

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Guest Speakers**

✚ **Dr. Fairs: RUVB Blood Donor Program**

- RUVB experiencing shortage of blood reserve
- One blood transfusion a week
- Need large breed dogs that are Erlichia and Anaplasmosis neg.
- Follow instructions in the email sent out
- Need to put in Bladder Chatter and the SCAVMA newsletter this week

✚ **Alfred Tam: Open Mic/5th semester presentation**

- Fundraising for a Scholarship of a \$1000 –Exceptional Surgery Skills
- After DJ and Blue’s Help: only made \$1500
 1. Spent \$400 on DJ
 2. No profit made from bar
- Unexpectedly low crowd (75 people showed up; 15 were performers who were offered free admission)
 1. 5th semester was expecting 100+ admitted people
- Booked the Marriott SABA Room about 2+ months in advance
- Up to 5th semester to pay the balance:
 1. \$29,332.47 is the Total Amount in Pink Semester Fundraising benefit
 2. Asking for SCAVMA to pay for remaining \$1200
 - a. Alfred does not want to take money that 5th semester has raised through fundraising to cover the deficit

-Motion made to extend time limit for this discussion –Approved by board

-Discussion: There is no stipulation in the Handbook for if 5th semester to have to come up with the funds to fill the scholarship amount instead of

-Discussion last semester on making a bank account, also discussion on scholarship reduced to the amount the class made

-Money that pink (5th) raises goes to someone in Orange (7th)

-Handbook (that Kasie has) states that surgery faculty are supposed to come up with the amount to give to candidate student(s)

-Previously have awarded two students, \$500 each instead of one scholarship (\$1000)

✚ **RUSVM Wishmakers**

- Kawi Gonzalez and Ann Marie Picone (co-chairs doing the presentation)
- Dr. Pierra is the faculty advisor
- SEC member dues
- Partnerships: Children’s Home, Health and Community Center, Donation Based Situations

- Want to partner with Josh Project. Does VIDA want to help?
- Toy Drive: Be careful asking for toys that have batteries and extra parts
- Questions: geared toward children?
 1. Possible adopt a family?
 2. Big Brother/Big Sister?
- Seeking SGA approval

✚ **Radiology Diagnostic Imaging Club**

- Seeking SCAVMA approval
- 30EC dues and attend at least one meeting per semester
- Most officers have already been elected
- Faculty Advisor: Dr. Callanan
- Ross Students Facebook page interest: 100+ students
- Would like to cover the whole spectrum of experience levels
- Dr. Du Plessis (DI Faculty) has expressed interest in helping

IV. Officer Reports

✚ **President: Robert McCarthy**

- Student contacted Bob about posting gym etiquette rules and would like SCAVMA's opinion
 1. Presentation of the rules these students wrote up
 2. The gym attendants/managers have approved it
 3. SCAVMA to re-write?
 4. Positive statement added to the end
 5. Discussion with GB:
 - a. If posted, who is responsible for upholding them?
 - b. Want these to be put in place as reminder's
 - c. Humor/laid back format to catch people's attention

✚ **Vice – President: Ann Marie Picone**

- Laptop loaner program –Need to revise the contract:
 1. Replacement costs: Macbook Air (\$3,200 EC)
 2. (New replacement cost for Macbook Air: \$2,787 EC—invoice amount for new one (cost of laptop and 1 year of warranty))
 - a. Adjust it to include shipping and handling? -Nicole Ciernello
 - b. Add an administration cost? -Mr. Hazarie
 - c. We should leave the replacement cost at \$3,200 EC -Ann Marie
 - i. However, add stipulation that this includes shipping and handling cost
 - d. Evaluation by IT for cost → assess damages before paying replacement fee

✚ **Secretary: Lauren Kallaway**

- Incoming activities director for Fall Semester 2016: Nancy Hoecker
 1. Will be sworn in at EB on Tuesday Aug. 2, along with new 5th Semester Class Rep. Stephen who is present at today's meeting and any new Purple Semester Class Reps
- Purple Class Representative elections this week
 1. Voting ends Friday 7/29 at 5:00; Class Reps to remind their class
 2. Current Class Reps will be notified Friday after 5pm
- TV Monitor in the Union
 1. Now working; Lauren to learn how to add information to it and update it!
- Town Hall Meeting: Aug. 2
 1. Lunch in CR1; Pizza provided

2. Submit questions to the Qualtrics program survey by Thursday at 5:00 pm

✚ Treasurer: Lindsay Binkow

- SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship (formerly Robert Ross Scholarship)
 1. Will be given every fall semester, can reapply if don't receive
 2. \$3000 US dollars (2 part process—Application (p.s., resume, and LORs)
 - a. 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Semester Students eligible
 - b. Top 5 students will receive an interview
 3. Application Grading Rubric, application instructions, and application (3rd document) → documents reviewed for potential revisions
 4. FERPA consideration: Applications will be reviewed by faculty so confidentiality not an issue?
 - a. Yes, confidentiality was discussed at EB last week

✚ Activities Directors: Meghan Thorne & Elizabeth Hahn

- Handbook Changes
 1. Presenting to GB the changes already approved last week at EB:
 - a. Flyers 7 days (not 2 days)
 - b. Events:
 - i. Semesters: 2 food sales, 2 off-campus events each semester
 - ii. Clubs: 2 food sales (instead of 3) and 2 off-campus events each semester
 - c. BeachFest and Open Mic night not included in required number of semester events
 - d. Clubs need approval now for events
 - e. Security at all SCAVMA approved events
 - f. All semesters required to have 2 refs for semester olympics each night/the whole night (except 1st and 7th)—2 PDF points per game per ref
 - i. Have a meeting with potential refs before Semester Olympics? -Kawi
 - ii. Class reps to ask for class for refs now, for next semester's Semester Olympics → as much ahead of time as possible
 - iii. If not, disqualified from entire Semester Olympics
 - g. Trash at semester Olympics needs to be picked up by class selling concessions otherwise semester disqualified
 - i. Monetary fine possible?
 - h. SLAE's – Section on this event and the awards added to Handbook

✚ SAVMA Delegates: Kasie Sears Richey & Kayla Caturay

- SAVMA Membership receipts for SCAVMA Board Members needed by tonight! Membership dues for RUSVM are due by Aug. 1
- Please email delegates receipts and if students have questions they need to email this account and not contact the delegates via Facebook
- Next semester: if you don't have SCAVMA membership, you do not get the benefits and you can't join SCAVMA clubs

✚ Webmaster: Melissa Kane –n/a

✚ Parliamentarian: Adriana Rivera Aguayo—n/a

V. Faculty Advisors

✚ Mr. Fazio

- PASS Certificate Program tomorrow 7/27 in Lower Aud. at 12:00

- Thursday at lunch, PASS Presentation with Dr. Schreiber
- St. Kitts Emancipation Day on Monday
 1. Prizes at 20 min break –Where St. Kitts flag colors

✚ Mr. Ramoutar

- No tuition increase in September!!! ☺
- Blue Buffalo has partnered to provide scholarship to RUSVM students
 1. \$60,000 to students
 2. Students who applied to DeVry scholarship this semester and did not receive it, will be getting portions of the fund
 3. 4 recipients starting next semester
- Dog park started
 1. Purposing to be ready in Sept.
- Research building has broken ground
 1. 18 - month construction period
- Physician on campus Tuesday afternoon - Class Reps please let your classes know!
 1. Will increase his time on campus if they see student demand

✚ Dr. Huck -N/A

✚ Dr. Sample-N/A

✚ Sara Kaufman – Town Hall Aug. 2, CR1 12-1pm (please let your classes know!)

✚ Mr. DuPlessis

- Wed. 5-6 self-defense classes in the gym
- Still seeing many unattended items in public being stolen
- Use locks
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight

✚ Mr. Haga

- Updated bandwidth (added)

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

-Voting:

-RUSVM Wishmaker's Club:

-How does the club know the money they fundraise is actually going to the proper place?

-There will be an account set up in the club's name

-Motion: RUSVM Wishmaker's Club a new SGA Club –Approved

-Diagnostic Imaging Club:

-Constitution and Bylaws received—need to be reviewed by Delegates before club gets approved by GB

-They did receive 100% SCAVMA membership

-Discussion: The club should talk to Dr. Rawlins (she is in charge of ultrasound, diagnostic imaging)

-Motion: tabled for later in New Business –Approved

-SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship (3) documents:

-Motion: approved

-Handbook Changes by Activities Directors:

-Motion: changes approved

-Motion: remove Diagnostic Imaging club from tabling –Approved

-Constitution and Bylaws reviewed by Delegates and look good

-Motion: new Diagnostic Imaging Club—Approved

VIII. Open Forum

-SCAVMA Membership Compliance:

- There is no rule stating that you have to be a SCAVMA member in order to be in a club
- Clubs should have strict ruling on new members (need to be a SCAVMA member)
- Compare club rosters and membership rosters that delegates receive at the start of next semester
- Reward those who do comply and pay dues, rather than penalize those who don't comply
- Perhaps make an enlightening video to get membership numbers up?
 - have more positivity behind enticing students to join SCAVMA
 - include a stipulation that SCAVMA members will have lifetime benefits
 - stress it at orientation, so students are encouraged as soon as they get to RUSVM
 - certified document endorsed by SCAVMA to provide students who are in clubs and are SCAVMA members that can go in student portfolio or on someone's resume
 - Isha has offered to put all orientation powerpoints on e-College now for students
- Cut down class fundraising events to make more money and up the cap of money for banquet
 - negative: if event was cancelled you can fall back on t-shirt sales
- Would it be possible for professors to be present at all exam reviews?
- Semester Olympics:
 - Switching sports officially?
 - Yes, Kickball and Frisbee instead of football
 - Jake and Frisbee club to help with rules for frisbee
 - How are you going to tell the school? Can an announcement be made?
 - Send out a student body wide email ASAP (try to diminish backlash from change)
 - According to the Handbook and Constitution & Bylaws, the ultimate decision to change sports
 - Could we change one sport at a time instead of multiple?
 - It is a lot of change all at once and will see a lot of pushback from students
 - Present changing the Semester Olympics sports
- Bladder Chatter: background to be changed. Difficult to read black print on red background
- Merial coming to RUSVM Aug. 2-3rd
 - AABP to host on the 2nd
 - SCAVMA to host on the 3rd
- Isha wants catalog of extra semester merchandise to sell at orientation
 - please email her if your semester/class has merchandise to sell
- Purple Semester was turned down by IT for class picture today
 - Paul Orchard takes class photos per his own discretion and personal photography business
 - Melissa to clarify with Paul Orchard

IX. Adjournment: majority approves

Tentative General Board Meeting Dates

 N/A