SCAVMA Meeting Minutes April 1st

Executive board meeting

Dr Kinarney (president elect) meeting with Theresa, Michelle, and Jenny at Symposium – we need to make students more comfortable when they graduate so we don’t feel the NEED to take an internships after graduation. Encourage students and educate them about why we should enter the workforce instead of go into internships.

-We plan to use ALL funding next fall to begin lectures or meet/greet type series of events focused on careers and internships, utilizing our alumni network.

-April 11th at 4pm there is a networking workshop at the Alice Cook House (down campus)

-According to recent AVMA analysis students who completed internships following graduation without following it up with a residency were more likely to be unemployed.

Voting on Student Governance Policy:

2nd years – 90 voted, 85 for, 5 against
1st years – 57 voted, 55 for, 2 against
3rd years – 7 votes
4th years – not collected

Why so low in votes? Possibly no one cares, possibly people still don’t know what is going on 2/3 of the population needs to vote and then a majority must vote for the proposal

GPSA – if Xander is still a member of the General Board he no longer would have voting power in the GPSA and SCAVMA would no longer be able to receive funding from GPSAFC

Moment of Silence and Reflection – Dean Edmonson was supposed to send out an email about it...
  Moment of silence at 10 either in class or within a clinical rotation group
  Picture of our event/moment
  Card to send to students too

--we should discuss health and wellness, take a moment to identify where we are as individuals, our support system here at our community
-- lecture series possible
--wellness initiative (possibly to use ALL funding), peer mentoring, new location/better hours for counselor, focused primarily on clinics right now due to current issues but they will expand to include all the classes
-- make a time for discussion for wellness weekly
-- Make the accessibility of counselor here at the Vet school and at Gannett known!

Health Care Increases – mostly a PR problem. Everything completed at Gannett now will either be free or $10 for a copay. You cannot pay the $350 with your student loans.

Student Resources Investment and Wellness Initiative
-mental health, work/life balance, etc
-examining current distribution of resources
-evaluating school/life balance relates to burn out, compassion fatigue, etc
-come up with solutions, engage organized veterinary medicine and administration/faculty
-currently structured that class reps, CCIPPE, and anyone else interested is involved
Restructuring of SCAVMA – at symposium discussed structures at SCAVMA at different schools
-OSU basic executive board + every 1st and 2nd year (student = SCAVMA member) is required to be on a committee (committee chairs are elective positions). People would have to volunteer, but committees are so big that not a huge increase in time commitment for individuals members... but won’t necessarily work for us because we are already having problems with people joining SCAVMA. Possibly we could make volunteering for a committee being our “SCAVMA credit”.
-Bonuses if students do more/are more involved – give out plaques, buy caps/gowns, buy business cards, basically graduation gifts to give incentives

General Board Meeting:

President: teaching space advisory meeting- town hall meeting next week with updates
- faculty want to use LH3 (but not big enough)
- using Morrison because close
- using RPCC because nice
- block 5 faculty are currently NOT on board because of inconvenience
- student transportation – parking in A lot (but it’s always full)
- trying to avoid using undergraduate rooms because we would have to work around their schedules
- SAVMA update-meeting with Dr Kinnarney and working with students/alumni on economics of veterinary profession
- go to Convention if you can!! It’s in Buffalo!
- Vetfolio – online resource for students has articles, information on social media
- ALL funding – need pictures of what we’ve done (pictures from travel fund and Pedal for Pets). Try to use funding starting next year in July in the school year instead of calendar year

VP: Seniors in good standing – there have been problems with keeping track of who volunteers
-FH Fox day updates – many alumni and professors were at funeral and talked to Scott
- ideas as to what to do with bridge: designing a trail (Dr Fox Memorial Trail) over bridge, make bridge painted nicer or plaque (something more permanent), 3rd year class is going to repaint bridge to say “FH Fox is Forever” or “was awesome” or put his silhouette on it
- bring ideas to Scott as to how we can keep it alive

Treasurer: no new changes from last time – biggest expenses from retail

Class Reps: need 2/3 of students to vote, need majority of those votes in order for Student Governance Policy to go into effect
1st years: 57 votes, 55 for, 2 against – people either didn’t care or were abstaining because they didn’t know what they were voting for
2nd years: 90 votes, 85 for, 5 against
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4th years: no votes yet

SAVMA Delegates: Symposium – 30 Cornell students attended
Scott: he now appreciates we are all in one building
Alyssa: all the lecturers gave everyone
- House of Delegates Voting – voted down voting privileges to 2 plus 2 schools (Utah State has students 40 students that after 2 years go to Washington – and we voted down their ability to have 2 voting delegates)

- created task force for student wellness
- Symposium 2017 is at Texas A&M

- AAVMC – veterinary educators collaborate – how we teach professors to teach students – create teaching academy
  - primary care educators group – improve our preparedness for primary care (not the hospital cases we see at CUHA)
  - healthy pets for vets – increase clientele for pets, vets can get a certificate for completing modules to get us prepared for primary care
  - diversity – minority makeup of vet schools is the same as the applicant pool
  - AKC – canine health foundation is hosting a conference in St. Louis Missouri – 1 student from each vet school can get a travel grant to attend (deadline May 29th, contact Krysta)

- want more cash? – vet gazette (vet student newsletter) accepts submissions and you can win prizes – next issues submissions (opinion, letter to editor, experiences that have been meaningful, etc), are due April 30th, SCAVMA chapter with most submissions gets $200
- legislative minute – Maine is trying to make a new vet school
- we got a plaque!!! Class of 2014 is now ALL AVMA members
- Scholarships – Scott the AVMA externship grant

NYSVMS Reps: Spring lecture is April 16th (530 lecture in LH1 followed by dessert in Hagan Room) – you can register for student membership at this meeting
- CLA meeting – facebook page is up and running – will act as “exchange” to interact with other NYS vet med society veterinarians

Retail: bought polo shirts, pint glasses, and new designs on sweatshirts
- Reunion Weekend (June 3rd - 6th) – need volunteers!
- Possible way to have sales during other “symposium” weekends

IVSA: List of expanding horizons participants came out last week – pairing students with textbooks

Alumni Relations Committee: work at Reunion weekend (you get paid)

IM Sports: Students WON!!!!!!! 9-7
- intermural soccer just started
- volleyball and softball coming soon
- Students vs Faculty basketball game at the end of April – there will be a Pep Band

Public Relations Chair: Pedal for Pets – May 2nd

Philanthropy Chairs: Pedal for Pets – May 2nd – meeting for people on task force after open house, 23 people are registered, early bird registration ends April 12th
- Crowdrise page goes DIRECTLY to patient assistance fund – please share and help us raise money

GPSA: 2 weeks ago GPSA passed resolution on transparency and creating memorandums so that the GPSA executive board and general board can be informed before things like the house
- Dine and Discuss – April 27th – come and learn about communication
- Grad ball is April 25th – limited to 400 tickets – will be at Museum of the Earth
- Wiell students want to come up and need places to stay for Charter Weekend
- Health Fee Update – clarified specific problems vet students have – xander will send email

Task Force: Survey – report made you’ll see it soon
PR – how to get meetings out to all the students (because you all don’t read my minutes 😔 😒 😒) – will probably fall onto the responsibility of Class Reps
-alumni, students, faculty meet and greet – why they are SCAVMA and AVMA members
SOP – sent to Katy, to be put on website
Constitution and By-laws – new proposed GPSA amendment

New Business:
Wellness Initiative – began with 3rd and 4th years feeling burnt out on clinics and how that’s bad for mental health – trying to turn this to the whole school so that we all focus more on our mental health
-brainstorm ideas that negatively impact our well-being or education – come up with a plan and let key stakeholders (administration and faculty) know
-resolution for SCAVMA to support the Wellness Initiative – approved/supported!!!

Proposal for Changing Constitution: removing GPSA position from a voting member of our SCAVMA general board – so that we don’t lose funding - we will be voting in May so SHOW UP

AVMA economics report – how to get information to students, in the economics tab they will release new article
-Cornell will have a copy – Dean Edmonson will find a way to make this information available to all students

Student Innovators in Action – talk to community about what SCAVMA does – make it interactive and informative for an hour during Charter weekend (April 25th-26th) – if you volunteer you get SCAVMA credit

1st Annual Giving Day – 24 hr campaign – promotion of Cornell and why you should give money to Cornell – raised almost $7 million – try to get vet students involved

Students at Michigan State and UC Davis and how to remember them/support the schools – tomorrow at 10am we will be having a moment of silence and reflection
#vetstudentsunited with UC Davis and MSU logos on Construction Wall – Michelle painting
tomorrow afternoon
Make links of school colors to hang in atrium to hang paper chain link in atrium
Send cards to SCAVMA presidents of MSU and UC Davis

Attendance (those in Red did not attend due to class and clinic conflicts):
President: Theresa Hubbell
President-Elect: Jennifer Grover
Vice-President: Scott Bertoldo
Treasurer: Jake Wolf
Treasurer-Elect: Helen Tsoi
Secretary: Kaitlyn Briggs
Class Representative 2015: Patrick Satchell, Jordan Calabro
Class Representative 2016: Casey Cazer, Pearl Yeung
Class Representative 2017: Anastasia Handwerk
Class Representative 2018: Tom Wootton
NYSVMS Senior Rep: Jesse Navatta
NYSVMS Junior Rep: Jennifer Grover
SAVMA Senior Delegate: Michelle Forella
SAVMA Junior Delegate: Krysta Scimeca
Social: Ashleigh Bruno, Amanda Hsu
Retail Committee Chair: Ali Lindsay
Retail Committee Members: Morgan Feldman, Rachel Pollard, Helen Tsoi
Fundraising: Amanda Hsu, Taryn Pena
Admissions: Yuan Kang
IVSA: Sam Lovering
Senior Alumni: Alyssa Rasweiler
Junior Alumni: Amy Molitoris
IM Sports: Sean McGrath
Senior PR: Scarlett Lee
Junior PR: Tyler Barnes
Senior Philanthropy: Abigail Pines
Junior Philanthropy: Rachel Pollard
GPSA: Amy Molitoris, Alexander Thompson, Cara Rosenbaum
Webmaster: Kaitlin Chou
PVS Chair: Emily Plante