



## **Fall 2020 Program Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Program:** Veterinary Science

**Date:** 10/22/20

**Members Present:** Jason Psalidas, Ed Swaim, Heather Hume, Jenn DeForge, Lee Pellegrino, Becky Smith, Cathy Buckley, Drew Logue, Dianne Logue

**Program Facilitator:** Lee Pellegrino

**Committee Chair:** Not in attendance

**Subject:** Curriculum Bias Form

**Discussion:** Reviewed form, did not identify any areas of bias

**Subject:** Student Enrollment/Placement

**Discussion:** Lee reported current numbers, Ed said numbers seem to be going up, Ed asked about maximum, no set max, discussed classroom sizes and animal room limitations

**Subject:** Remote Learning Best Practices

**Discussion:** Lee explained the schedule of remote and in-person days, discussed how fully virtual students participate, Ed asked if we feel that we have enough time to cover everything we need, teachers said no but doing the best we can on in-person days, not able to co-teach any more because of large class numbers, Drew said it was a learning experience trying to figure everything out as we go, not as much pressure to participate online but some students feel more comfortable remote, discussed NSCC students not required



to use

video due

to living conditions, Dianne grateful that kids get some face-to-face time,

**Subject: New Trends in the Occupational Area**

**Discussion: Jason feels like we are preparing students well, for Covid protocols teach how to fully gown up (covered in surgery unit already I think) and phone call role plays that include asking pet owners if they have flu like symptoms etc, Cathy - get students used to curb side service - double leash, talking to owner in mask, tables in parking lot, leash transfers, figure eights, appointment times have doubled, take info from owner over the phone - car info, patient history, check in, credit card info,**

**Subject: Employee Outlook**

**Discussion: Demand to find qualified people is high, places hiring, all clinics are very busy, pet owners noticing illness in pets faster because they are home, lots of people got puppies during quarantine, preparing for pets to have more separation anxiety, lots of internship availability too**

**Subject: Portfolios**

**Discussion: Not sure yet what presentations will look like, probably virtual again, will keep you updated and send invites when we know**

**Subject: Recommendations**

**Discussion: At the last meeting committee members recommended Fear Free training, we did start that for all our students,**



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**Subject: New Business**

**Discussion: Discuss best practices between clinics on how to handle clients during a pandemic, will probably be a while before clients can go into clinics,**

**The meeting adjourned at (time):**