



Spring 2021 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Veterinary Science

Date: 4/7/21

Members Present: Ed Swain, Jason Psalidas, Drew Logue

Program Facilitator: Lee Pellegrino

Committee Chair: (should not be an instructor)

Meeting Started @ 6:03pm

Subject: Student Enrollment/Class of 2024

Discussion: 40 new freshman, split between Heather and Lee
135 student in total, largest program on campus

Subject: On Campus Learning Update

Discussion: We have been fully on campus since March 17. We have been creative about the space that we are using.

Drew: Students have been liking the full in person learning

Ed: Are any parents refused to let students come back
With the changes, we have had most students return. Weather has been on our side. Only 2 are still virtual. Those returning have settled in well.

Subject: Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review

Discussion: We are proficient in OSHA, up to date plan, we have not went



10 hours of OSHA to be a trainer.

Exemplar in recruitment - hence our numbers

Proficient in curriculum, need more diversity, because most of the pictures are white female.

8 juniors and 12 seniors on coop, definitely an industry that has a high demand for jobs. We are doing well at finding placements and on campus opportunities.

Low drop out rate, and are consistently keeping up with the trends and PD in vet science.

Advisory committee - keep list up to date, keep minutes, trying to recruit new members.

Budget updated yearly and makes adjustments, challenging to plan long term.

Heather has bumped us to need improvement.

Currently pet first aid, OSHA, fear free training, and the first group of CVA (Texas A&M) a lot of hours are from clinics. This will affect our numbers that can seat for the exam.

Subject: Senior Portfolio Showcase

Discussion: We will be sending you an email shortly, the day is May 6th. IT



will be remotely. Nice being remote.

Subject: **Employee Outlook/Industry Trends**

Discussion: Clients have gotten a lot of pets over the pandemic. Now clinics are seeing a lot of separation anxiety. Behavioral changes, opportunity for behaviorist, doggy day care. Clinics can't handle as many patients, and can't handle as many over time. Appointments are going longer, people are now spending money on stuff that they have pushed off for years. Is there going to be a downswing? Leave of care can rise if we can maintain the jobs. High stress industry. Jason: down 2 techs and resumes are severely underqualified.

Subject: **Recommendations for Program**

Discussion: Drew: it was hard to retain the information remotely, his coop is a lot of surgery, breaking down, he felt prepared at coop.

Ed: it is hard to get people with no experience to work together and get stuff done. Ed had seen Lee working with the freshman and said it was pretty organized for the number of students.

Danielle went out of her way to help his college class.

Farm crew has been awesome at helping us out.

Subject: **New Business**

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at (time):