



Fall 2022 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

October 20, 2022

Program: Equine

Members Present:

Program Facilitator: *Clarice Menesale*

Committee Chair: *Mandy Hogan*

Program Updates (enrollment, curriculum, equipment & projects/field work, etc.)

Student transfer updates - going well good additions into our soph class

- Split the junior class into two groups - much safer and more effective learning

- Senior coop updates - seniors slowly moving out

- Thank you for pushing for us to get a trailer - has finally happened - we have a beautiful new trailer

- Need for new fencing / the plastic fencing when broken is sharp and injuring horses / Sheds also in rough shape

- Arena concerns - repairs needed to the outer cover hole and seam / now there are rat holes along the kickboards inside the riding area / far end is currently being used for storage no longer a safe space for riding - SAFETY ISSUE /

Bryan / Liz / Mandy - it's a liability to put animals that are naturally flighty with students in a place that is scaring them - highly inappropriate to have issues like this in an arena and not designed for storage.

- Trailer storage needed - Liz "safer in an emergency to get it out / snow removal in the winter much safer for our herd / Mandy - needs to be stored and maintained /

- Liz UNH garage doesn't do sufficient job needs someone with equine experience



involved / Put a maintenance and use log in the trailer if it gets used track records / keep registration documents up to date

- Service projects / NEER clean up
- our student learning goal is to partner with an inner city elementary school to have a horse visit
- Liz - USDA horse trials on a Saturday / online modules to train the kids on being fence judges - Fall and Spring Trials April 23rd) Liz happy to do something ahead of time in person with them.
- Need approval to go UNH faster / easier - the 6 week rule is unrealistic - makes more sense to go by mileage
- UNH - students need drivers license / background check before they drive any vehicle on campus
- Where can our students practice driving truck and trailer - Diyah's mom - A church parking lot (Clarice mentioned Topsfield Fairgrounds) Liz - using cone to practice driving the trailer is often the hardest part for them.
- Don - put any fencing / sheds etc in Capital Budget - gray area can be under our budget or farm as long as it makes it into the capital expenditure - Excess and Deficiency budget

Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review

(Add your text here)



Cooperative Education Update

- Liz - I could take a student - is that possible? What are the requirements / would need the barn manager (Rebecca Nelson) on board - she is deeply rooted in education - will put her in contact with Lisa Berube / Kristen Doherty
- Bryan has a great staff right now would be able to take more COOP kids on

Employment Outlook/Industry Trends

- Equine Vet technicians - hard to find a good certified technician (a lot go to small animal pays better / no equine experience / dangerous labor intensive longer hours - Alexis (2 different paths for certification - American Association of Equine Techs / Penn Foster is an option geared towards small animal - hard to get the large animal certification
- Age also is an issue if you have a family can't be far away out late work life balance is hard - income is difficult to raise a family on / learning curve takes a long time - Bryan
- Diyah's mom - what is the lack of people in these jobs? Lack of pay ? Bryan - lack of agricultural life - move away from large animals and dairy farms / pigs chickens production



Recommendations for Program (including budget needs for FY24)

- Prioritize your capital asks - Liz Johnson / fencing / Sheds - too small / safety and versatility ask for what is the most modular / can you put a shed over two paddocks to share / a door or gate on the shed to overnight and feed (this side of campus looks new the paddocks are an eyesore in comparison - they
- Bryan - priority is electric and water to paddocks / decreases the amount of manpower hours (frost free lines are 3 feet up to code) - they need 10 x 10 per horse for sheds is the rule of thumb - 100 sq ft under roof per horse / draft horse or Laddy he needs more 100 sq ft - prefers 12 x 12 -
- Mandy - just got new shed at Windrush 12 x 24 ft with center partition - Horizon Structures S / weed wack below the fence lines to keep them in
- Bryan Fencing - consider the aesthetics / need high quality electric fence to prevent horses from destroying the fences / looked at Justin's companies catalog - like the two options / subdivided with the electric running thru the middle making it flexible - the wire fencing could be installed off of the ground so they don't get legs caught and then run electric wire to keep them from sticking noses out / Split rail is too expensive and hard to maintain / Cleanest least expensive best looking is poly wire hock level and above with the wood beams / two strands poly wire forget the wire cost
- Liz - Concrete fencing ? need to research [woodcrete™ split rail fences](#)
- Tack needs - western saddle?
- Equine Club - Liz - horses not ridden at UNH equine club / ICOOK Form detailed doc states hours animals can be ridden / will share a copy with us
- Bryan - concerning to have an unconnected teacher working with the horses - no understanding of the barn - liability - please don't allow Bobbi to be a part of equine club / Advisor should be taking time to get to know these animals - why is this not capped? Alexis these are not push button ponies
- Justin - for the safety and protection and longevity of the program horses no one should be running an equine club that is not on staff



- UNH has a General Equine Hand Book for all students / schedules and protocols / course outlines - Liz will send to us
- Justin - biosecurity / Bryan - students should have separate muck boots for school and their barns
- Textbook ideas - nothing new don't need to reinvent the wheel

Financial Fair Recruitment

Mandy - need volunteers to come give financial advice

Unanimous - not our area of expertise

New Business

- Tate donated last year - working out great / trainer Nicole offered to come down and see how he is doing and work with the kids on him.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:34 PM