

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Veterinary Science
Oct. 17, 2017



Attendance:

Members present:

Julia Lobel
Cathy Buckley
Jason Psalidas
Caroline DeGrappo
Laurie DeGrappo

Teachers present:

Mike Grace
Rebecca Smith
Leandra Pellegrino

Agenda:

- Curriculum bias form - viewed Vet Science textbook and completed forms
- Membership form - completed
- Cornell curriculum update - Mike explained how we completed the trial of the curriculum last year and will now be receiving the entire developed curriculum
- Pet Tech pet first aid - Lee explained about the change in pet first aid certification due to the American Red Cross discontinuing their pet first aid certificate.
- Software update - eVet Practice - Lee explained that we are now going to be training students to use eVet Practice, Julia discussed some of the features that would be good for students to be comfortable with - scheduling, adding clients, scanning records
- Vet services - discussed the possibility of having vet(s) visit our campus during the school year to examine or treat our animals as needed so that students get to see and participate in that process
 - Dr. Emerson, exotic animals, Dr. Lincoln at Andover, some vets do house calls, could make it work, give details about what animals and treatments are needed
 - Questions about Angell situation, work with MSPCA, make best use of vet tech lab, have a lot of details to work out - equipment, safety, personnel management
 - Discussed Tufts at Tech, Angell clinic at Nashoba, specific clientele, need in this area? Kathy will talk to MSPCA vet

- Vans clinics want to use better facilities for Rabies clinics - less stress for animals, serve people in financial need, liability questions, student learning, Julia thinks lots of vets would participate if they knew no liability, Vans could send out a blast email
- Uniforms - scrubs, polo and khakis OK too, no shorts or open-toe shoes, no yoga pants
- Other -
 - Equipment training that our students don't currently get - surgery unit, monitoring anesthesia, hand-held ones with bluetooth
 - Tech shortage - worse than it's ever been
 - Co-op requirements, create position for the school, employers struggling to pay, discussed possibility of internship, rotate 3 kids throughout the year, what students need to learn, different for students getting paid because need to get work done but unpaid students might get to see more and get more opportunities
 - Will school cover liability for internship? Will find out and email Adv board members
 - Expectations of what the student should be learning when rotating through internships - would help save time with re-training, primary and secondary skills on list, too many rules, safety training very important, discussed OSHA
 - Training to be work ready
 - Vet Bloom - training for employees, have to do online training first, Bulger and Mass Vet, Ethos, Ed Carlson at Bulger
 - Have students print out competencies to bring to job interviews
 - Pull out competencies for seniors and make a list
 - Julia recommended keeping equipment manuals near equipment (x-ray machine, autoclave, etc.)
- Annual program review - completed in vet tech lab