

Veterinary Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting  
11/10/2015 | 6:50 – 7:30pm | Northeast Campus, Veterinary Sciences Classroom

Meeting Called to Order at 6:50pm by Hailey Adams, Veterinary Sciences Instructor

Introductions of Attendees:

Holly Medina / West-MEC / Northeast Campus Assistant Administrator

Hailey Adams / West-MEC / Veterinary Sciences Instructor

Lisa Donimari / West-MEC / Veterinary Sciences Instructor

Katie Mehin / West-MEC / Career Services Liaison

Lia Mesquit, Medical Rep for Merrick Pet Care

Dr. Dean Rice, Veterinarian and representative for AAEC and Midwestern University

Carie Chmura, Office Manager for Banfield

General Program Overview:

First Year & Second Year: 48 in each cohort

West-MEC has an application process that has helped ensure committed students

Second years we hope to have in extern sites later this year, hired after program

Campus Residents:

Piper and Daisy- arrived in September, sisters, spayed and adopted into family

Autumn - cat, vaccinated spayed and adopted out

Had other animals coming in from Pinal County - all up for adoption once spayed/neutered and vaccinated

Reality check for students with kennel cleanup duties, etc. Students do enjoy it.

We have USDA inspection requirements; which means we must have an IACUC Committee.

Meet minimum 2 times per year

Review animal care protocols

reviews animal housing and equipment

create a report of findings to have on file for USDA inspections

Composed of members from the veterinary field and general public ( Public can't be a West-MEC person or affiliated to the West-MEC person)

\*\*\* Would advisory members be willing to serve as part of IACUC committee, the meetings could be adjoined to the dates/times the program advisory committee will meet \*\*\*

Open House occurred on October 31st

Invited 15 vendors regarding adoption and proper pet care

Costume Contest, Games, Activities, Crafts, and Haunted House

Fundraising ended up at about \$900 from the event

HOSA National Conference - June 2015 / Anaheim California

4 students competed, 2 in veterinary sciences, 1 for scrapbook, 1 for newsletter; Megan won 4th in the nation for Veterinary Sciences. Megan is planning to compete again in competition to win the gold.

Victoria is the State Historian for HOSA

Students are volunteering about once a month on Saturdays for 4 hours at a time with organizations such as Fallen Feathers; feed, clean, provide service; Home Fur Good - helped to adjust dog to being around lots of people, arrange dog food, stock dog food, help play with animals.

We have completed paperwork with Pinal County Animal Care and Control so the program can get new animals at least twice a semester.

AZPetVet donated \$1000 for the purchase of HOSA Veterinary Sciences T-Shirts.

NAVTA Application Complete!! Over the next 90 days it will be reviewed and given feedback for follow up. Was able to work with CAVIT to learn process as they are already NAVTA approved.

Pima Community College is partnering with us to hopefully allow us to offer dual enrollment opportunities for the West-MEC program.

ADE Standards - Copy available The standards have been approved and an exam will be created.

E3 Summit had West-MEC Veterinary Sciences student volunteers to participate

Update to move forward with a Veterinary Technician Program --- get Gen Eds from community college and the students would take vet classes with West-MEC

Adult program for Veterinary Assisting -

- NAVTA Requirements are shorter hours than the high school
- Carrington has a 6 courses, 6 weeks each
- Bigger demand for Vet Tech's than for assistants in workforce
- \$10-12 per hour

Externships would be based on qualifications

Happen during the last 8 weeks of the 2 year program, 30 to 40 hours during their normal classroom times

Flexible on hours

Age is a concern at some corporate practices; AzPetVet will take at age 17

Subcommittee will be created to come up with guidelines

Student Enrichment Opportunities

- Mock Interviews (January/February)
- Mock Competitions for HOSA
- Guest Speaker Opportunities
- Field Trips / Volunteer Activities

Future Meeting Date - Spring date to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm