

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lance E. Perryman, Dean, CVMBS
FROM: Veterinary Admissions Committee
DATE: April 15, 2011
RE: Annual Report of Admissions Committee, 2010-2011

MEMBERSHIP

Dean's Office

Dr. Sherry Stewart	<i>Ex-officio</i>
Dr. Lori Kogan	<i>Ex-officio</i> , Outcomes Assessment Coordinator
Dr. Regina Schoenfeld	

Animal Science

Dr. Terry Engle

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Dr. Doug Ishii
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Dr. Terry Campbell	
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Dr. Craig Webb	

Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences

Dr. Marie Legare	<i>Co-Chair VAC</i>
Dr. John Zimbrick	

Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology

Dr. Paul Avery
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Practitioners

Dr. Aubrey Lavizzo	<i>Ex-officio, Practitioner/Diversity Representative</i>
Dr. Cindy Pickens	<i>Ex-officio, Practitioner</i>

The VAC had 5 meetings in the 2010-2011 academic year. At these meetings we reviewed the admission process and made changes as needed, trained committee members on methods of evaluating student application files, discussed different facets of the admission process and made changes in next year's protocols. This was the fourth year the file review process was done completely on line (paperless) and part of the meetings involved instructing the members in the use of that system. It was deemed by the committee members that the paperless evaluation process went well.

Subcommittees within the admissions committee met in addition to the regular admissions committee meetings to discuss candidate files for those applying to the various combined programs, FAVCIP, Vet Prep, VetStart and regular sponsored and nonsponsored admission. The following subcommittees were established for 2010-2011:

Vet Start
Ken Blehm*

Vet Prep
Aubrey Lavizzo
Regina Schoenfeld
Cindy Pickens
Sherry Stewart (*ex-officio*)

Sponsored and FAVCIP
Terry Campbell
Marie Legare
Dan Smeak
Regina Schoenfeld

WICHE
Paul Avery
Rod Rosychuk

Nonsponsored
Randy Basaraba
Terry Engle
Doug Ishi
James Madl
Gabriele Landolt
Sherry Stewart (*ex-officio*)
Craig Webb

John Zimbrick

DVM/MBA
John Weiss*
Christine Hardy*
Thom Hadley*
Rod Rosychuk
Sherry Stewart (*ex-officio*)
Pete Hellyer*

DVM/MPH
Paul Morley*
Lorann Stallones*
Judy Baxter*
Jack Barnett*
Sherry Stewart (*ex-officio*)
Pete Hellyer*

DVM/PhD
Marie Legare
Anne Avery*
Paul Morley*
Steve Dow*
Tod Hansen*
Sherry Stewart (*ex-officio*)
Terry Nett*

*individuals who served on the specialty sub-committees who are not members of the
Veterinary Admissions Committee

Additionally, members of the committee along with IT representatives met on a weekly basis throughout the year. Concerns and any problems were discussed and dealt with in those weekly meetings which resulted in a smooth admissions process for the rest of the committee and minimal problems for applicants. Members of this Veterinary Admissions Advisory Subcommittee included:

Dr. Sherry Stewart	<i>Ex-officio</i>
Dr. Lori Kogan	<i>Ex-officio</i> , Outcomes Assessment Coordinator
Dr. Marie Legare	Co-Chair VAC
Luann Barnes	IT Coordinator
Janet Janke	DVM Admissions Coordinator

FILE REVIEW PROCESS

Please see attached statistics for the DVM Applicants Entering Fall 2011. The college received 1764 applications. We continue to use a non-point/holistic evaluation process, and the committee believes this system continues to work well. A phased admissions process was instituted this year which greatly facilitated applicant access to their status electronically as well as reduced notifications by letter to those accepted into the program.

It was agreed that the file review committees would not look specifically at whether or not an applicant had completed prerequisites on their application but rather look at the application as a whole. Whether or not the prerequisite courses were completed would be verified by the Office of Veterinary Admissions in the Dean's Office on only those applicants that would be accepted or in an alternate status for Fall 2011. This would result in a large reduction of time and effort going through transcripts to verify completion of prerequisite courses and would also contribute to a more uniform review process by the committee members allowing them to focus more on the overall application.

The VAC suggested a 100% electronic file review process last year, approximately 500 file reviews were conducted via e-mail by the Assistant Dean for Admissions for this year. We are proposing a further modification of this process to better streamline this service for 2011-2012.

STATISTICS

Of the 75 Colorado positions for Fall 2011, 27 were filled as of the April 15th date with students in the following programs:

Vet Start: 2 positions

There were 5 possible positions; 2 offers and 2 accepts

Vet Prep: 8 positions

There were 97 eligible applicants; 13 offers, 7 accepts, and 6 declines

FAVCIP: 5 positions

There were 25 applicants for 5 possible positions; 5 FAVCIP CO accepts

DVM/MPH: 5 positions

There were 29 applicants for 5 possible positions; 8 offers, 5 accepts, and 3 declines

DVM/MBA: 5 positions

There were 17 applicants for 5 possible positions; 5 offers, 5 accepts, and 0 declines

DVM/PhD: 3 position

There were 47 applicants for 3 possible position; 3 offers, 3 accepts. And 0 declines

PRE-VET ACTIVITIES

Several members of the Committee are actively involved in recruiting students to the veterinary program by meeting with them during their visits to campus. Additionally:

The Pre-Vet Club held an application workshop for applicants in the fall to discuss the DVM application process and selection procedures. Dr. Stewart described the selection process and responded to general questions from applicants.

CVMBBS hosted a Pre-Vet Visit Day in conjunction with the Open House earlier this month.

Dr. Stewart continues to produce a monthly online Pre-veterinary Adviser Newsletter for regional pre-veterinary advisers.

Dr. Legare visited with the CU-Boulder Pre-Vet Club upon their invitation.

Dr. Legare attended and represented the VAC at the Professional Careers Health Fair on the CU-Boulder Campus.

VMCAS

This is the 12th year that the VMCAS (Veterinary Medical College Application Service) application was used. Applications and references were received from VMCAS, and transcripts were received directly from applicants. Revisions were made to both our supplemental application and administrative database that allowed faster and smoother processing of applications. Additionally, it was decided that transcripts from only the applicants that were accepted into the program, as well as the alternates, would be requested to be sent to the Admissions Office which will greatly streamline the paperwork and verification process required by personnel from our application pool.

March 24th VAC Meeting

The spring meeting for the VAC included discussion of the following topics:

- **FAVCIP:** Dean Perryman outlined the reasons behind initiating this program and nicely summarized the fact that this program has only been in existence a very short period of time. The VAC unanimously agreed that data be collected for the next few years from students graduating from this program to verify if this program is more likely to yield graduates seeking employment in the food supply veterinary medicine in underserved areas.
- **Minority applicants:** It was summarized that Vet Start and Vet Prep student represent approximately 35% of our enrolled minority DVM students. Additionally data was presented that indicated we are admitting a similar, if not greater, percentage of minority applicants relative to the number of students who are applying to the program.
- **Junior Level/Non-degree admits:** Dr. Stewart discussed a possible new program similar to the European system of admitting students prior to completing an undergraduate degree. The VAC agreed that if this program were to progress that there would be a need to evaluate the applications of these students in a separate pool from the regular applicants.
- **GRE changes:** Global changes in the scoring will be made as of August 1. Updates will be given to the committee prior to the review process this coming fall.
- **LOR's:** The VAC discussed the value/non-value of including LORs in the application file.
- **On-Line courses:** A lively discussion of whether we value on-line courses differently from traditional courses and how that may affect the review process occurred.
- **NAVMEC:** A few relevant highlights from this attended meeting were presented to the VAC from Dr. Sherry Stewart as well as Dr. Regina Schoenfeld. Topics such as utilizing the same holistic approach that CSU uses to evaluate applicants and changing missions of the Veterinary Committees as well as professional graduates from our programs. It was felt that CSU is meeting goals presented at the NAVMEC.
- **File Reviews:** Dr. Stewart has developed a document that could be used as a reply for those applicants that are curious as to why they did not get accepted to CSU. The VAC will provide feedback on the document. It was proposed that we do file reviews only for those candidates who receive an alternate status with denied candidates receiving the electronic file review document. This would better utilize effort involved in providing this service as well as giving the applicants the most useful information to help them improve their future applications to professional programs.