

Minutes of the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association
Executive Board Meeting
September 15, 2007
College of Veterinary Medicine: Board Room, Athens, Georgia

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Dr. Angie Shurling Bushway. Dr. Bushway welcomed everyone. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Those in attendance were: Dean Shelia Allen, Carlton Bain, Kathy Bangle, Dr. Angie Shurling Bushway, Dr. Dolores Kunze, Dr. Mark Mosher, Sue Smith, Tracy Giese, Dr. Tim Montgomery, Dr. Ruth McNeill Vaughn, Rebecca Dunlap, and Dr. Mary Ann Vande Linde.

Kathy Bangle introduced Marti Brick, Director of Alumni Relations and Rebecca Dunlap, Major Gift Officer and the promotion of Carlton Bain to Assistant Director of Development. She said the college finished FY07 at \$6.7 million. See her handouts. Kathy discussed upcoming events including GRACE Birthday Party, Vet School for a Day, Wine-d Down, Middle Georgia BBQ, Augusta Low Country Boil, Horse and Hound Golf Tournament, Dean's Tailgate, AAEP and NAVC. She mentioned that we are looking for someone to host the reception at NAVC. Fall mailing solicitation will start soon those that do not respond will then go into the phone-a-thon and then again into the spring mailing. Other projects include a thank you a thon and a reunion ask over the next few months.

Dr. Shelia Allen gave an update on the activities of the College of Veterinary Medicine. These included:

1. Major gifts update: \$5.9 of the \$6.7 million were received as major gifts. CVM ranked 2nd in fundraising totals for FY07 on the UGA campus in annual giving.
2. New MRI unit in the Coverdell Building for clinical testing is getting a lot of use from us and other schools.
3. Teaching hospital has a dedicated night person: Kira Epstein
4. Digital Radiography was installed which allows students to view teaching files at home over the internet.
5. Renovations: Large Animal Isolation Unit, junior surgery suite in preparation for increase in enrollment, small animal ICU expanded, plans to have an equine MRI unit.
6. Atlanta Steeplechase: Dean is looking at amount of effort in comparison to money generated to determine participation for 2008.
7. Teaching Hospital: Conceptual Design Committee is chaired by Dr. Eric Mueller
8. Search process started to replace Royce Roberts who retired.
9. Dean mentioned new faculty hires.
10. Dean asked UGA to acquire space vacated of School of Art in Building #9 which gives the college 6,000sq ft.
11. 99% of our students passed the board examinations

12. Communications: Dean Allen mentioned committee made up of Drs. Zink, Westmoreland, and Kuntz committee. They determined a need for guidelines and expectations once a patient is admitted, during the stay, and once patient goes home.

Dr. Mosher asked what are the needs of the College. Dean Allen mentioned it is difficult to recruit faculty and also mentioned a strong focus on infectious disease. Dean Allen explained it takes \$1 million dollars to fund a chair and \$250 thousand to fund a professorship.

Dr. Bushway asked how can the Alumni Association help. Dean Allen mentioned to let colleagues and Alumni know what endowment actually meant. Dr. Bushway also asked how many position we have and how many Chair and professorship we need. Dean Allen mentioned when she began as Dean there were 3 Chairs and 1 Professorship. She added 3 Chairs and 1 Professorship and would love to see that increase.

Dr. Montgomery mentioned the Services of Jeff Sanford and how much of an asset his services are for veterinarians in the state.

Dr. Montgomery gave an update of the Bylaws. He met with Debbie Dietzler to discuss what other schools are doing within the University. He will review and present at a later time.

Sue Myers Smith discussed the Listserve mentioning to email her with any questions. Board determined to put meeting minutes on the listserve.

Dr. Mark Mosher reported on the Awards Committee indication that everything went smoothly last year the process will be about the same. He mentioned that anyone nominated who wasn't chosen as a winner would be kept on file. If the nominator wishes to nominate again the next year we will pull the previous years information. It was also suggested to announce that the committee was accepting nominations in Enews or in GVMA publications.

Marti Brick gave an update on the Alumni Reunion mentioning the dates as March 28-29, 2008 at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia.

Tracy Geise reported the Aesculapian has a new look and she is looking for ideas for next issue. (See her handouts.

Sue Myers Smith previewed the E-news letter as a supplement to the Aesculapian to update Alumni on events, other alumni and updates in general. Dr. Bushway suggested using the listserve as a form to chat and as a way to make use of time away from group is a form of communication. Board also suggested posting the survey on the listserve.

Discussion to have students send an email to notify referring doctors of patient status.
Dean Allen acknowledged request.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59am

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Brick
Director Alumni Relations