

**College of Veterinary Medicine
Alumni Council Meeting
Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 9 AM
UF CVM Equine Auditorium**

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Julia Conway, Alumni Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. In honor of Veterans' Day, Conway acknowledged our military service member Dr. Dana McDaniel, and thanked all the military alumni and their families for their service to our country.

II. Members Present- Jonathan Orsini, Dean Glen Hoffsis, Julio Ibanez, '80; Michael Schaer, Larry Murphy, '82; Beth Murphy, '82; Chris Zeigler, VM2; Karen Legato, Patricia Wlasuk, Moody McCall, '86; Rich Kane, '84; Ron Cooper, '89; Dana Zimmer, '95; Chris Sanchez, '95; Claudia Valderamma, '95; Rachel Lande, '12; Nicci Fisher, '12; Sarah Carey, Stephanie King, '10; Karri Miller, '03; Jennifer Locke, '01; Jeff Clarke, '01; Jennifer Wallace, '06; Shondra Becker, '08; Dan Martin, '98; Mark Gendzier, '87; Holly Blair, '92; Nanette Parratto-Wagner, '85; Dana McDaniel, '96; Caryn Plummer, '02; Sue Anderson, '83; Dr. Ammon Peck; Cherry Douglas, '97; Heidi Goss, '89; Julia Conway, '06; and Jo Ann Winn.

III. Review of Minutes and Action Items from April 14- Julia Conway presented the minutes from the April 14 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Hospital Update – Dana Zimmer, Chief of Staff, reported that the hospital has good revenue stream. Both the large and small animal hospitals have reported an increased patient caseload. Last year, the hospitals saw over 24K patients.

- The hospital has installed a hyperbaric oxygen chamber to perform clinical trials. Only 3 other veterinary schools have HBOC.
- The acupuncture, rehab and nutrition services have consolidated into an Integrated Medicine Service. This includes the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Service (HBOT).
- Several new faculty have been hired – see department report for new faculty.
- UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services Clinic in Ocala- PETS opened July 2012. The UF emergency clinicians rotate between Gainesville and Ocala. The community response has been positive. PETS is affiliated with 19 area practices.
- The RDVM day will be moved back to the college for 2013. The brochures will be mailed in March with details of the CE programs. Save the Date: June 22, 2013.
- UF Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Courier Service is offered to referring clients in the Gainesville and Ocala areas. The lab provides accurate and timely lab results, phone consultations and courier pick-ups of samples. Call 352-294-4726 for more information.

V. Public Relations Update –Sarah Carey reported on the first animal to receive treatment in the HBOC. The dog sustained a snake bite on its face and was treated in the HBOC. The dog survived and was discharged.

- Carey reported on Animal Airwaves, a daily radio series that features 1-minute segments relating to animal health and the weekly call-in show broadcast on WUFT-FM. The website- <http://news.health.ufl.edu/animal-airwaves/> - contains prior broadcasts and a search feature.

VI. Development Office Update – Karen Legato and Patricia Wlasuk reported on the campaign.

- Florida Tomorrow Campaign raised over ~~\$53K~~ **\$53 MILLION**, exceeding the original ~~\$40K~~ **\$40 MILLION** goal. The college has started a scholarship in honor of Dr. Mike Schaer on his retirement. The scholarship initiative has raised over \$36K toward the \$50K goal.
- Dean's Circle of Excellence giving club has 49 members who gave over \$850K to the college. The funds were used to renovate the reading room into a modern education center. Legato high-lited several DCE events this past year.

VII. Alumni Relations Update- Jo Ann Winn reported on the follow alumni activities

- 2012 Reunions Reports – Class of 1982, 1992, and 2002 had reunions this year. Class reps will tell during sharing exchange.

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- Florida Fund mail campaign is underway. The appeal focused on retired professors. Make a gift to their scholarships or to general vet med scholarship funds. Donations are coming in weekly and we are not ready to announce totals. Alumni appeal letter posted here.
- Pet Memorial program donations were down this past fiscal year. The program continues to receive new participants. Friend cards are very successful (having received a pet memorial card, friends like to give friends the same). We will recognize and award 59 clinics who participated the longest from 1996 to date. Several awards will be presented at the homecoming celebration following the meeting.
- Save the Date Events –Alumni receptions are planned for Dec 3 during the AAEP conference and at NAVC on Jan 20.

VIII. College Updates and Dept Reports– Glen Hoffsis shared author Jim Collins' successful leadership tips from his book "*Good to Great*." He advised that you don't make big changes when the going is good. Plan to go to a higher level. Watch out for crises – crises force you to make changes. Hoffsis high-lited several key issues from the combined department reports.

- Budget cuts – see department reports.
- New hires associate dean and dept chair positions Dr. Ammon Peck (Assoc Dean for Research and Graduate Studies), Carlos Risco (LACS dept chair); faculty positions Dr. Mohamadzadeh and Dr. Pascual, both are in dept of infectious diseases and pathology.
- Physical presence has grown since he has been dean. The new hospital is a showcase on our campus and other vet schools site visits UF VH for ideas. Clinical labs are being renovated. New construction has taken place during his tenure.
- Make adjustments and put in place new protocols to enhance emergency and critical care. Opened Ocala PETS to respond to community needs.
- Developed a pinwheel concept of values for hospital employees and patient care.
- Plans to focus on Healthy Pets initiative with AVMA. This is transform previous health care delivery system.
- Re-working curriculum to meet student needs, including communication and business courses.
- Special recognition of outstanding professors like Mike Schaer; Heather Wamsley (National AVMA teacher of the year); Paul Davenport (named UF Distinguished Professor); Paul Nicoletti (named to Florida AG Hall of Fame); John Harvey (won an international award in pathology) and alumnus Ted Yoho who is the first Florida veterinarian elected to the US Congress. He's the second veterinarian to serve in the US Congress.
- Remarkd on fund raising campaign success. Going over the goal and achieved \$53M.
- Concludes remarks with Jim Collins' book "*Built to Last*." During his tenure, Hoffsis has built a work model that will continue regardless of the leadership. He advised we must continue to move forward with our mission and goals.

IX. Alumni Council Chair Report – Julia Conway reported on the following.

Old Business

- Class Facebook pages – Conway encourages all class reps to have a class page on Facebook and share info with classmates.
- Class Alumni Council reps photos on the web – Only 4 class reps have responded with photos for the alumni council web page. Please continue to send in photos.
- Road Sign on I-75 –The University has a master plan which includes The Archer Road way finding plan" which will involve modifications to both Archer Road and SW 6th Avenue. The City of Gainesville is managing this project for the Florida Dept. of Transportation, which owns both roads. The project has been in design for some time including a complete way finding sign program that extends to I-75. See website: <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/planning/cmp/mp0515/MasterPlan%20Brochure.pdf>
Next meeting Linda Dixon, associate director of facilities planning and construction will present a brief overview of the plan and how it will affect the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Mentorship Program Update – need more reps to serve as mentors. Looking to assist young grads less than 5 years out. Also want to include junior and senior students with mentoring.

New Business

- Dean’s Search – Four candidates are coming for interviews in November. See website: <http://deansearch.vetmed.ufl.edu/>
- Admissions Committee – All slots are filled in the admissions committee (Moody McCall, Liz Olson, Lisa Centonze and Dena Baker)
- Distinguished Awards deadline is November 15. Seven names are in the nominations pool.

X. Class Reps Ideas, Suggestions, and Feedback – tell us what your classmates are doing

- Julio Ibanez, '80 – very proud to be involved in this institution.
- Glen Hoffsis – proud to know everyone associated with the college
- Larry Murphy, '82 – class reunion was held in April. Over 35 classmates attended. One came from Montana
- Cherry Douglas, '97 – asked for building map of room locations with meeting announcements!
- Rich Kane, '84 – Introduced True Pet Wellness Plans. Care Animal Hospital is using this concept to retain clients. See website www.truepet.com
- Moody McCall, '86 – his service dog Bonsai was recently placed with a young man in North Carolina.
- Rachel Lande, '12 – grateful for UF. Will have classmate updates in future.
- Karri Miller, '03 – plans for a 10th reunion next year. Asking for ideas on Facebook class page.
- Jeff Clarke, '01 – thank you for the HBOC. Share clinical trials results with grads.
- Shondra Becker, '08 – plans a 5-year reunion cruise next year.
- Dan Martin, '98 – plans a 15th reunion in New Orleans next year.
- Holly Blair, '92 – had a reunion gathering this weekend. Not many participants.
- Heidi Goss, '89 – would like to become a mentor
- Dana McDaniel, '96 – Class of '96 has a Facebook page
- Sue Anderson, '83 – congratulations to classmate Ted Yoho on election to US Congress
- Dr. Ammon Peck – thank you for welcome at meeting.
- Julia Conway, '06 – recognized Dr. Mike Schaer for his contributions to the vet school.
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XI. Next Meeting April 13, 2013 time TBA

XII. Adjournment – Julia Conway adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM

ACTION ITEM	ASSIGNED TO	ACTION
Suggestion for individual class year facebook pages, other classes have set-up individual pages to maintain contact with classmates.	All Members	Received from 1985, 1996, 1997, and 2003. OPEN
Alumni Council reps photos on the web	All Members	Only 4 people have sent photos. OPEN
Request to have a sign on the interstate “UF College of Veterinary Medicine teaching hospital” just like Shands for easier way-finding for clients and visitors. Ask Facilities and Planning rep to attend meeting in April 2013	Conway Conway	CLOSED OPEN
Mentorship Program Update	Conway	OPEN
Include building map with meeting announcement	Winn	OPEN

ALL DEPARTMENT REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE,

<http://givingandalumni.vetmed.ufl.edu/alumni/alumni-council/>

A REVISED COPY OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE.

Distinguished Awards nominations forms available here:

<http://givingandalumni.vetmed.ufl.edu/alumni/distinguished-awards/>