THE AVMA COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

The AVMA Council on Education (COE) met on September 22-24, 2019 at AVMA HQs, Schaumburg, IL and on March 21-23, 2020 by an electronic meeting. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Spencer Johnston and Dr. Kevin Donnelly served as vice chair.

Accreditation of Colleges – Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to University of Bristol, Bristol Veterinary School, Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science, Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Montreal Faculte De Medicine Veterinaire. Annual interim reports from 42 colleges were reviewed and accepted. The list of accredited colleges of veterinary medicine is available on the AVMA website https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Colleges/Pages/colleges-accredited.aspx.

Based on comprehensive site visit reports the Long Island University College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Arizona College of Veterinary Medicine were granted Letters of Reasonable Assurance. Subsequently, in accord with AVMA COE policy and notification that the letters of acceptance had been sent to members of the initial class, Long Island University was granted Provisional Accreditation effective March 2020. Biannual reports were reviewed from both colleges.

The Council conducted a consultative site visit to the proposed Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, the Council conducted consultative site visits to the University of Liverpool Institute of Veterinary Sciences and the University of Cambridge Department of Veterinary Medicine. The consultative sit visit reports were accepted as information.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 26 are Accredited, 3 are Accredited with minor deficiency, 1 is assigned Probationary Accreditation, 1 has Provisional Accreditation, 1 has a Letter of Reasonable Assurance. Three Canadian colleges are classified as Accredited and 2 are Accredited with minor deficiency. Fifteen foreign colleges are classified as Accredited and 1 is Accredited with minor deficiency. The classification Accredited with minor deficiency indicates the non-compliance issue has little to no impact on safety or student learning. The classification of Probationary Accreditation indicates that the college has met most, but not all, of the Standards established by the AVMA-COE. The classification of Provisional Accreditation is granted to college with a Letter of Reasonable Assurance that is making adequate progress toward future compliance with the Standards and letters of acceptance have been sent to the initial class. Reasonable Assurance is the classification granted to US or Canadian colleges seeking initial accreditation.

Accreditation Standards – The Council proposed revisions to Standard 9, Curriculum and had no proposed revisions to Standard 7, Admission and Standard 8, Faculty, that will be forwarded for public comment.

COVID-19 Response – The Council provided guidance to colleges regarding the accreditation requirements for graduation. The Council adopted a COVID-19 policy for the management of the coronavirus situation. The COVID-19 policy and the guidance to the colleges is available on the AVMA website: https://www.avma.org/education/center-for-veterinary-accreditation
**Liaison Reports** – The Council received as information reports of Council members acting as liaisons to the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities, the International Council for Veterinary Assessment, the Committee on International Veterinary Affairs, and the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates.

Liaison reports were also received from the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and the National Examining Board of Canada.