

## THE AVMA COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

The AVMA Council on Education (COE) met on August 30-September 1, 2020 and on March 20-23, 2021 electronically. The meetings were chaired by Dr. Kevin Donnelly, and Dr. Fern Tablin served as vice chair.

**Accreditation of Colleges** – Based on comprehensive site visit reports, classifications of accreditation were assigned to University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine and University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. The site visits to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin School of Veterinary Medicine and University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine were conducted on a virtual basis and in accord with AVMA COE policy; an in-person verification site visit will be conducted within 18 months. Annual interim reports from 41 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 Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine (virtual visit) was granted a Letter 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, Texas Tech University was granted Provisional Accreditation effective March 2021. Biannual reports were reviewed from University of Arizona College of Veterinary Medicine and Long Island University College of Veterinary Medicine with continued Provisional Accreditation based on continued compliance with their plan.

The US colleges of veterinary medicine are classified as follows: 24 are Accredited, five are Accredited with minor deficiency, one is assigned Probationary Accreditation, three have Provisional Accreditation. Four Canadian colleges are classified as Accredited and one is Accredited with minor deficiency. Sixteen foreign colleges are accredited by the AVMA COE. Fifteen are classified as Accredited and one 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 a college holding 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.

**Accreditation Standards** – The Council approved proposed revisions to Standard 10, Research Program and Standard 11, Outcomes Assessment.

**COVID-19 Response** – The Council approved the COVID-19 policy updated March 2021, which is available on the AVMA website: <https://www.avma.org/education/center-for-veterinary-accreditation>. In addition, the Council approved an Emergency Conditions Policy to address current and any potential situations where, in the view of the AVMA COE, the usual AVMA COE site visit operations cannot be reasonably undertaken. The policy is available in the Accreditation Policies and Procedures of the AVMA Council on Education, Appendix K: [coe\\_pp\\_appendix\\_k.pdf \(avma.org\)](#). This policy was implemented in September 2020.

**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.