

**College of Veterinary Medicine
Alumni Council Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 9 AM
UF CVM Dean's Circle of Excellence Lecture Hall A,
1945 SW 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL**

MINUTES

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order – Chris Sanchez, Alumni Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.**
- II. **Roll Call– Members Present: Chris Sanchez, '95; Moody McCall,'86; Richard Carpenter, Rick Sutliff, '99; Julia Conway, '06; Julio Ibanez, '80; Dana McDaniel, '96; Jennifer Wallace, '06; Marc Presnell, '89; Sarah Beatty, '11; Julia Runnfeldt, '93; Audrey Kelleman, '95; Clay Jones, '88; Dan Martin, '98; Kelly Vernon, '04; Rich Kane, '84; Terri Woodham-Ward, '09; Sarah Carey, Karen Legato, Patricia Wlasuk, Marcela Brandao, Jim Lloyd and Jo Ann Winn. Members on-line: Liz Olson, '02; Erica Irish, '12; Beth and Larry Murphy, '82.**
- III. **Old Business – Chris Sanchez**
- Review Minutes from Nov 2015 meeting – Sanchez presented the minutes from the NOV 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.
 - Revise criteria for Distinguished Awards Nomination form – Sanchez presented the proposed changes to the Distinguished Awards Nomination form to include the categories of alumni achievement for MS/PHD alumni, and an honorary member of the alumni association. The changes were approved as presented.
- IV. **New Business – Chris Sanchez**
- Alumni Survey Update – Julia Conway announced that the alumni survey would launch the following week. The survey is designed to assess the relationship between the college and the alumni and determine the path to go forward.
 - Announce Distinguished Awards Winners – Sanchez announced the Distinguished Award Winners for 2016: Mary Gardner, '08, Alumni Achievement; Leigh Sawyer, '85, Distinguished Service; and Julia Conway, '06, Special Service. The awards will be presented at the Class of 2016 Commencement Ceremony on May 28.
 - Pass the Gavel - Chris Sanchez passed the gavel to Moody McCall.
 - Recognize outgoing chair – Dean Lloyd recognized Chris Sanchez for her service to the alumni council and presented her with an outgoing chairman award.
 - Nominations for chair-elect – Moody McCall called for nominations for the chair-elect position. Audrey Kelleman, '95 volunteered to serve. The vote was unanimous.
- V. **UF CVM Updates – Dean Jim Lloyd**

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- FVMA members Dr. Richard Carpenter and Dr. Rick Sutliff, were recognized for attending the meeting today.
- Distinguished Awards – A new category was created to recognize people outside the UF CVM for their contributions to the college. Honorary Member of the Alumni Association. Steve Shores was named the first member in OCT 2015.
- Paul Nicoletti – passed away unexpectedly in January. A celebration of his life will be held today at 3:30 in the Banfield Seminar Room. Nicoletti made a huge impact on the college and to those in the room.
- 40th Anniversary - Get your 40th anniversary pin today at the alumni booth at open house. We have kicked off a series of year-long events to celebrate the anniversary.
- Alumni survey – step back a minute and see where we are and our relationship with alumni. How can we engage alumni with the college? Please take the survey and provide feedback.
- Accreditation status – waiting on official letter of approval. Positive site visit last fall.
- UF President Kent Fuchs visited vet med this week and attended the faculty assembly.
- Wellness programs – the college has started a series of wellness programs for faculty/staff/students. These programs include yoga class, mental health talks, and various exercises and challenges to improve mental and physical health.
- Scholarship fundraising initiative – first of its kind in the nation. Patricia Wlasuk is the director of scholarship giving. So far over \$5.5 million was raised this year. The college will award over \$1 million in scholarships this spring.
- Dean’s Circle of Excellence – funds were used toward the new Clinical Skills Lab. The CSL has become a model for other veterinary institutions. New simulation models coming are the Syndaver, and 3 full size equine models.
- Research grants – the CVM has received over \$15 million in research dollars this fiscal year.
- Diversity Symposium – the college will host a national diversity symposium next week to address recruiting student diversity.

VI. Announcements – Chairman Moody McCall

- RDVM Day is June 18. The Dean’s Circle will host a post-event BBQ.
- The Ridge VMS has endowed a scholarship for students from Hardee, Highlands, and Polk Counties.
- Patricia Wlasuk will attend a special workshop in Michigan for reducing student educational debt.
- Steve Sheldon, ’86, is running for a state seat in the Colorado House.
- The Class of 1986 will hold its 30th reunion in September.
- The Class of 2006 will hold its 10th reunion at Homecoming in October. They will have a special time to remember classmates who have passed away.
- Julio Ibanez recalled the admissions letter he received from Dr. Wy Cripe, stating he would be a member of the CHARTER CLASS. He believes that Charter also means Founder.

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VII. Adjournment – Moody McCall adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM

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