

CONSTITUTION of the FOOD ANIMAL CLUB
at THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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ARTICLE 1: NAME, PURPOSE, & NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Food Animal Club. The organization is housed at The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 2: Purpose: The Food Animal Club (FAC) at The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine seeks to increase exposure of professional, veterinary students to all aspects of animal agriculture. This includes both further development of skills by food animal oriented students and exposure of students not currently food animal oriented to the opportunities of such practice. This is accomplished by weekly meetings on a selected topic, clinical Case of the Week presentations in the Hospital for Farm Animals, wetlabs, special lectures, the Food Animal Medicine Student Symposium, and/or other related activities.

Section 3: Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with [the guidelines](#).

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP: QUALIFICATIONS & CATEGORIES

Section 1: Rights of membership shall be open to all professional, veterinary students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program in the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University.

Section 2: "NonDVM Student" Membership is another membership type, available to any other Ohio State student who is "food animal oriented". NonDVM membership does not allow an individual to run for office. It may also limit ability to participate in space limited activities.

Section 3: Associate membership without voting privileges may be extended to faculty, administration, extension members, and graduate students of the College of Veterinary Medicine of The Ohio State University. Associate membership may be extended to members of other colleges and departments within The Ohio State University at the discretion of the executive committee.

Section 4: An individual eligible for active membership under the provisions of Article 2, Section 1 shall automatically become a member upon payment of dues by the date assigned by the Executive Committee and attendance of club meetings.

Section 5: Every person, on becoming a member, shall assume an obligation to accept this Constitution and the Bylaws thereon based.

Section 6: Yearly dues for each membership type will be set each Autumn Semester at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 7: Active members shall be suspended until current and delinquent dues of the school year are paid.

Section 8: Members may leave the club at any time of their choosing. To be removed from the club, members must email the Secretary and ask to be removed from the listserv. The Secretary will also send out an email to the listserv at the beginning of each school year asking members if they would like to be removed from the listserv. Members will be removed upon graduation from the OSU CVM. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Honor Code, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS & FACULTY ADVISORS

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Social Chairs (2), Merchandise Chairs (2), Outreach Chairs (2), Blood Donor Coordinators (2), & Food Animal Emergency Team Coordinator. As applicable, Robert's Rules of Order Revised, not to conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws, shall govern all officers.

Section 2: The advisors of the organization shall be eligible for associate membership under the provisions of Article 2, Section 3 or a graduate student in the College of Veterinary Medicine with experience suitable of an advisor.

Section 3: The officers of the club shall constitute the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be held as needed at the discretion of the President or Vice Presidents.

Section 4: The President shall preside at regular meetings. This person shall enforce the Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall develop an agenda for the next meeting. This person shall have the right to call executive meetings. This person shall have the deciding vote in case of a tie. This person shall oversee the club activities in an overall fashion and assist other Executive Committee or general members in creating or facilitating activities of the organization. The President will also chair the committee for the Food Animal Medicine

Student Symposium for as long as it continues. This person will select a chair for the Food Animal Medicine Student Symposium if he or she (the President) is not willing or able to chair the committee.

Section 5: The Vice Presidents shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. These persons shall also have the right to call executive meetings if so desired. These persons shall oversee setting up the wet lab portion of the Food Animal Medicine Student Symposium for as long as it continues. They shall also arrange for any desired meeting refreshments.

Section 6: The Secretary shall handle club correspondence and maintain a Roster of Membership. This officer is responsible for writing notes of gratitude for speakers and presenters within a timely manner after the presentation. The Secretary will compose a weekly email to distribute to the club members. This officer will also organize any signup forms for food provided at meetings.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the club. This person shall collect all money due the organization and shall disburse, subject to the approval of the organization. This person shall render a statement of financial condition of the organization.

Section 8: The Historian shall work to document the activities of the club and promote its purposes in the college. This officer is responsible for the club's bulletin boards, taking pictures, updating social media, and any other related activities. If the historian is not able to be present at a club event, they can request another officer to perform their duties.

Section 9: The Social Chairs (2) shall organize at least one FAC social event per semester.

Section 10: The Outreach Committee Chairs (2) shall coordinate speaking engagements for the Outreach Committee to promote production animal veterinary medicine among potential veterinary students of all ages. The Outreach Chairs are responsible to serve as liaison to the organization VOICE and assist with the event "Vet for a Day" if the event is held. They will coordinate the food animal related sessions at Vet for a Day. These officers are also responsible for organizing the "Food and Fiber Farm" at the College of Veterinary Medicine's Open House. They shall establish a committee to assist in carrying out the Outreach Committee mission.

Section 11: The Blood Donor Coordinators (2) shall be responsible for communicating with the large animal faculty about the cow and goat blood donors. They shall be responsible for organizing and setting up training and shifts for the students interested in providing enrichment for the goat and cow blood donors in the hospital.

Section 12: The Food Animal Emergency Team (FAET) Coordinator shall organize the Food

Animal Emergency Teams and manage them throughout the year. The officer is responsible to coordinate with the Veterinary Medical Center to arrange contacts and provisions for the emergency teams.

Section 13: The Merchandise Chairs (2) will organize and sell all merchandise that the club procures. They are responsible for keeping inventory and managing the appropriate amount of relevant merchandise. Merchandise Chairs will sell at sales such as the following, but not limited to: Open House, Convocation, Holiday Sale, Midwest Veterinary Conference, and Food Animal Medicine Student Symposium.

Section 14: An officer may step down from his or her position at any time throughout his or her term. In case of a vacancy, the office shall be filled by appointment by the executive committee. If majority agreement of the executive committee cannot be reached, the vacant position will be voted on by the membership.

Section 15: Committees may be created and maintained at the discretion of the executive committee.

Section 16: An officer can be chairman of any major or standing committee. The President will chair the Food Animal Medicine Student Symposium committee unless the President elects to find another person to chair the committee due to time or physical constraints.

ARTICLE 4: ELECTIONS

Section 1: The President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Social Chairs (2), Merchandise Chairs (2), Outreach Committee Chairs (2), Blood Donor Coordinators (2), and Food Animal Emergency Team Coordinator shall be elected for a term of one year during the prior spring semester.

Section 2: All candidates shall be professional, veterinary students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program in the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University and have been active members of the organization.

Section 3: Nominations shall be taken from the floor during the election meeting. Nominations will also be accepted up to one week prior to the election meeting.

Section 4: Election of officers shall be held during a spring semester meeting.

Section 5: To be eligible to vote in elections a member must be present two meetings prior to elections that semester and must be an active member of the Club, Article 2, Section 4.

Section 6: Election of each office shall be held individually in the following order: (1)

President; (2) Vice Presidents; (3) Secretary; (4) Treasurer; (5) Historian; (6) Social Chairs; (7) Merchandise Chairs; (8) Outreach Committee Chairs; (9) Blood Donor Chairs; (10) FAET Coordinator.

Section 7: Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present.

Section 8: Newly elected officers shall take office at the last meeting of Spring Semester and at this time the old officers will be removed from office. The new officers will be assisted by outgoing officers as necessary. If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, is delinquent in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Honor Code, they can be removed through a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote of the other officers with consultation of the advisor.

ARTICLE 5: GOVERNMENT

Section 1: Only members in good standing according to Article 2, Section 4, may vote.

Section 2: A member must be present to vote.

Section 3: When possible, Club meetings shall be held weekly during Autumn and Spring Semesters. Actual meeting times and dates shall be set up at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: This organization shall be governed by the Rules of Order (part 1) and the Organization and Conduct of Business (part 2) of Robert's Rules of Order Revised not to conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present at any one regular meeting of the club.

Section 2: Proposed amendments must be presented in writing or print and action thereon can be taken not sooner than the following regular meeting.

ARTICLE 7: BYLAWS

Section 1: The Bylaws shall be laws of current application enacted by the organization based on, and subordinate to, the Constitution.

Section 2: The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any club

meeting.