



October 24, 2019

VIA ARMATURE

Dr. Daniel Wilson, President
Western University of Health Sciences
Office of the President
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Dear Dr. Wilson:

During its September 22-24, 2019 meeting, the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (COE) conducted a review of Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine. This review consisted of the college's self-study, the report from the site visit team, and the college's response to the site team's report. Based on this review the Council voted to grant the college Accredited status with minor deficiencies in Standard 2 Finances; Standard 3 Physical Facilities and Equipment; Standard 6 Students; and Standard 9 Curriculum.

To summarize, a minor deficiency has minimal or no effect on student learning or safety and is readily corrected in one year. It must be corrected in one year to avoid a change in the accreditation status.

The college is required to submit a plan to the COE within 30 days of the status notification. The plan must be submitted by November 25, 2019. The plan must outline steps to correct the deficiencies and provide a time table for completion. Progress reports to the COE are required every six months, one being the interim report. If at the end of one year the college provides evidence that the deficiency has been corrected, the college may be granted Accredited status for the remainder of the accreditation cycle. If the minor deficiency is not corrected within one year the college will be placed on Probationary Accreditation status for one additional year.

MINOR DEFICIENCIES—

Standard 2 – Finances

Minor Deficiency:

Finances must be adequate to sustain the educational programs and mission of the college.

Directives:

1. Physical facilities for research must be maintained to meet the needs of the college.

Standard 3 – Physical Facilities and Equipment

Minor Deficiency:

All aspects of the physical facilities must provide an appropriate learning environment. Safety of personnel and animals must be a high priority. Classrooms, teaching laboratories, teaching hospitals, which may include but are not limited to ambulatory/field service vehicles, seminar rooms, and other

teaching spaces shall be clean, maintained in good repair, and adequate in number, size, and equipment for the instructional purposes intended and the number of students enrolled.

An accredited college must maintain an on-campus veterinary teaching hospital(s), or have formal affiliation with one or more off-campus veterinary hospitals used for teaching. Appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic service components including but not limited to pharmacy, diagnostic imaging, diagnostic support services, isolation facilities, intensive/critical care, ambulatory/field service vehicles, and necropsy facilities to support the teaching hospital(s) or facilities must be provided to support the teaching hospital(s) or facilities with operational policies and procedures posted in appropriate places.

Directives:

1. The CVM must ensure that all core distributive sites have appropriate housekeeping and maintenance, are in compliance with appropriate safety measures, and have appropriate posting of signage and protocols.
2. Controlled substances at all core distributive sites must be appropriately managed to minimize the potential for diversion.

Standard 6 – Students

Minor Deficiency:

Colleges should establish post-DVM/VMD programs such as internships, residencies, and advanced degrees (for example, MS, PhD), that complement and strengthen the professional program and not adversely affect the veterinary student experience

Directives:

1. The college should establish post-DVM training programs.

Standard 9 – Curriculum

Minor Deficiency:

The curriculum as a whole must be reviewed at least every seven (7) years.

Directives:

1. The curriculum review must be completed as planned.
2. Curricular changes since the last accreditation site visit must be completed to adequately reflect appropriate curricular review and management.

The Council requests that the following additional reporting be included in your next interim report due December 16, 2019.

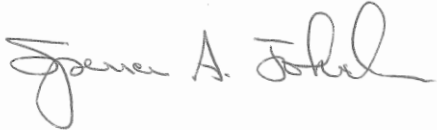
Additional Reporting

1. The college must update the Council on the progress in filling the position of Executive Associate Dean.
2. The college must update the Council on the progress made in installing a new transformer.
3. The college must report on the number of necropsies by species performed by students.

The Council urges you to review the Report of Evaluation for any suggestions for improving the program. A list of distributive clinical sites with remaining non-compliance issues and a copy of the Report of Evaluation accompanies this letter. A copy of this report has also been sent to the college Dean, Dr. Phillip Nelson.

If you have any questions regarding this action of the Council, please contact Dr. Karen Martens Brandt, Director of the AVMA Education and Research Division at 1-800-248-2862, ext. 6674 or e-mail kbrandt@avma.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer A. Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Spencer A. Johnston, VMD
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons
Chair, Council on Education

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