

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Veterinary Faculty Application Review Committee Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - 1:30 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty Application Review Committee met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Dr. John Sundstrom, DVM, Chair
Dr. Larry Corry, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Edsel Davis, DVM, Board Member
Dr. Becky Malphus, Board Member

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director (via teleconference)
Ms. Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Committee Members Present

Dr. Keith Harris, DVM, Head, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Spencer Johnston, VMD, Head, Department of Small Animal Medicine/Surgery, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Doris Miller, DVM, Department of Pathology, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine

Administrative Staff Absent

Ms. Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Call to Order: Dr. Davis established a quorum of the Committee was present and called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

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Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Discussion – Veterinary Faculty Applications

Dr. Harris addressed the Board regarding the veterinary faculty applications process. He expressed a desire for an immediate dialog to be initiated when an application is found to be incomplete. Ms. Price clarified that this communication already exists when the licensing analyst reviews the application and emails a deficiency notice to the applicant when it is found to be deficient. She further stated that direct communication of the deficiencies does not appear to be the cause of delay. The delay comes about when the Board Cognizant reviews the employment information and it appears to indicate that the faculty applicant is engaging in unlicensed practice. She then reviewed the process of what occurs when the Board and/or the Cognizant has determined that there is unlicensed practice.

Those present entered into a discussion on implementing locum tenens as well as the Board's ability to grant the school the authority to license veterinary faculty. Ms. Price and Ms. Cohen remarked that such changes would have to be made within the statute but there is nothing prohibiting them from making such suggestions to the GVMA or the legislators in the future.

Dr. Harris then reviewed the employment status of the veterinary faculty applicants who work at UGA. Ms. Price explained that the information received from the applicants, including letters from UGA describing their job duties, in response to the request for additional information is forwarded to the Board Cognizant. The Cognizant then makes a determination on the information based on Georgia Law and Board Rules. Dr. Malphus then reviewed the faculty application to determine exactly what the Board asks for the applicant to provide. Dr. Harris indicated that in reading that question, the school's response has been to provide a description of what the applicant will be doing once he or she is licensed and not what he or she is doing until licensed. Ms. Price suggested that the language on

the application be amended to clarify that which the Board wishes to receive from the employer. Ms. Price to work on the language and present it to the Board for consideration.

A resolution was suggested by Dr. Harris and Dr. Spencer whereby the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine would appoint specific liaisons to assist individual applicants with deficiency letters regarding incomplete faculty applications. Dr. Davis suggested to Dr. Harris that he submit a detailed plan on the specifics of the resolution for Board review. Ms. Price indicated that this process would be a lot like the applicant giving the school power of attorney in relation to their application. Ms. Cohen remarked that it would be like granting them a limited power of attorney in this process. Ms. Price stated she will submit information to the Board legal staff regarding the legal viability on release of information forms for applicants who appoint a designated administrator from the school.

Dr. Harris asked Board members on the Committee what issues can hinder timely application processing. Dr. Corry explained that any arrest history adds application requirements. If an applicant falsely attests to application questions, this can also slow processing. Ms. Price further indicated that the process is also delayed when the applicant does not completely fill out the forms.

Dr. Malphus requested that Dr. Harris provide the information on which persons would serve as the representatives from UGA for the applicants to Ms. Price as she checks with the attorneys to be sure it is feasible.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the Committee meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
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JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ADRIENNE PRICE
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