

## Minutes of the Pre-Vet Club Meeting (Thursday Sep. 25, 2014) - First interest meeting for a Pre-Vet Club at FMU

- 25 people attended, as recorded by a sign-in sheet
- Dr. Barbeau introduced herself as Pre-Vet Coordinator and Advisor, and discussed the purpose and membership requirements of the club, as well as procedure for official registration of the club at FMU. She introduced the President of the club – Caitlin Erb, as well as herself as the club Treasurer and Faculty Advisor. She then proceeded to discuss the need for a Club Secretary and Vice President. She described the requirements for the position of club Secretary and then opened the floor for nominations for that position. One, and only one, student nominated herself for the position (Jessica Mayo). After hearing no other nominations for the position, a motion was made to accept, by acclamation, Jessica Mayo to the position of club Secretary. Next, Dr. Barbeau described the requirements for the position of club Vice President. Two students nominated themselves (Susan Garritson and Amy Kirby). After an opportunity was presented to each student to a brief personal statement about their interest in the position, Susan Garritson withdrew her nomination in favor of Amy Kirby for the position. After no further nominations from the floor for the position, a motion was made to accept, by acclamation, Amy Kirby to the position of club Vice President. Lastly, Dr. Barbeau, as club Treasurer, mentioned the \$10 membership dues for the academic year. Club dues must be paid during the Fall semester of an academic year. Club members must remit a \$10 payment to the Treasurer, and such payment can be made by submitting directly to the Treasurer and signing and dating a membership list as confirmation of payments received. Club dues can also be paid by submitting to the Dr. Barbeau's faculty mailbox located in LSF 204, in an envelope with a note stating the money submitted is for club dues, and that note must be signed by the club member for a record of dues paid to the Treasurer.
- Dr. Barbeau mentioned that, as a club, we had missed the required FMU club organization meeting held in August that would allow us to be officially recognized as a club, and have access to student government financial assistance, for the 2014-2015 academic year. However, the club could still submit a registration form and constitution by September 30<sup>th</sup>, to function as a club during the year.
- Dr. Barbeau also discussed the frequency of club meetings must be a minimum of 3 meetings per semester.
- After the election for club Secretary and Vice President, Dr. Barbeau briefly mentioned the Pre-Vet Club webpage ([people.fmarion.edu/tbarbeau/prevet.htm](http://people.fmarion.edu/tbarbeau/prevet.htm)) and Facebook page (FMU Prevet). Then the club President, Caitlin Erb, addressed the group.
- The President introduced herself and proceeded through a meeting agenda.
- Discussion of possible club activities included the following:
  - Meeting to discuss requirements for applying to vet school.
  - Inviting local veterinarians come to speak to the club about vet school and veterinary practice.
  - Club T-shirt design contest. Members can come up with Club T-shirt designs and vote on the best design for printing club T-shirts.
  - Holding fund raising activities to support club activities and to donate to charities.
  - A pet (dog) costume contest as a fundraising activity for October.
  - A pet-of-the-month photo webpage contest, perhaps for cats.
  - a bake sale for fund raising, where we have goodies for both people and also pets (where we make dog or cat treats perhaps in the shape of paw-prints or something)
  - A pet grooming activity – with services donated by local groomers. Some discussion included possible liability issues to inquire about with FMU's student government.
  - Volunteering club member services to walk and care for dogs (and other animals) at the Florence Area Humane Society.
  - Holding educational activities about pet care on FMU campus.
- **Next meeting scheduled for Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in LSF 205**