Ontario Veterinary College
Department of Clinical Studies
Integrated Plan
2012-2017

Department of Clinical Studies Mission is to improve individual animal health by educating outstanding veterinarians and advancing knowledge in the field of veterinary medicine

The Vision of the Department of Clinical Studies is to be world leaders in the advancement, application and instruction of knowledge within the field of veterinary medicine

Planning Environment

• Department Retreat:
  – December 22nd and February 22nd
  – March 9th-presentation of initiatives
Planning Themes:

1. Values, Relationships, Communication
2. BSc and DVM Classroom and Laboratory Learning
3. Patient/Client-based Learning, Research and Healthcare
4. Research and Graduate program
5. Fiscal Viability

Theme 1: Values, Relationships, Communication

Goal 1: To improve joint planning between the OVC-HSC and the Department of Clinical Studies

Objective 1: We will improve communications regarding OVC-HSC issues and faculty within the Department of Clinical Studies

Actions:
- Clinic Heads or alternate will present update regarding HSC issues at each department meeting
- Hospital Advisory Committee-reevaluate membership
- Sections/service chiefs- will organize in writing key issues, surrounding support for case management-info to Clinic Heads
Theme 2: BSc and DVM Classroom and Laboratory Learning

Goal 1: To Improve the Delivery of the DVM Curriculum

Objective 1: To establish better integration of the courses taught within the Department and College

Actions:
- Course coordinators to continue performing review of DCS courses according to the needs of the College Curriculum Review
- UGTLC:
  - to give update regarding College curricular review at Department meeting (April, May, June)
  - hold meeting to discuss and define roles of course, intra and interphase coordinators
  - hold meeting with coordinators and faculty regarding integrated courses to allocate teaching hours and the ideal order for the material

Goal 2: To Develop New Strategies and Improve Instruction of Clinical Skills to DVM students

Objective 1: To create and maintain a professional skills program within a new purpose designed facility

Actions:
- Curriculum content
- Leaders of the initiative meet with the Dr. Lissemore to identify opportunities for integration of skill learning throughout the DVM curriculum
- Business plan
Theme 2: BSc and DVM Classroom and Laboratory Learning

Goal 2: To Develop New Strategies and Improve Instruction of Clinical Skills to DVM students

Objective 2: To improve the co-ordination and continued development of the spay/neuter program at the OVC

Actions:

- Coordinator position
- Current situation of spay/neuter program and its evolution and future goals of program
- Integration

Theme 3: Patient/Client-based Learning, Research and Healthcare

Goal 1: To become leaders in equine sports medicine in Canada

Objective 1: We will facilitate the delivery of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions to promote the health and well-being of the equine athlete

Actions:

- Faculty leaders develop strategy for CE in equine sports medicine.
- Faculty leaders gather information and present information to working group on academic structure of other ESM facilities.
- Large Animal Faculty members meet and establish guidelines for client service.
Theme 3:  
Patient/Client-based Learning, Research and Healthcare

Goal 2: **To become leaders in cutting edge minimally invasive procedures**

Objective 1: **To develop and maintain a minimally invasive unit within the OVC-HSC**

Actions:

- Working group will survey existing and new hires regarding their interest and skills in MI procedures
- Working group will create a list of prioritized procedures
- Leaders will work with Dr. Cox to create a long-term financial plan that will support the maintenance of the facility and its personnel

Goal 3: **To become leaders in rehabilitation, pain management and long-term care of companion animals**

Objective 1: **To create a working companion animal pain management, mobility, and recovery care unit within the OVC-HSC**

Actions:

- Business Plan-current and future
- Operations of unit
- Develop plan for improving and expanding patient care
Theme 4: Research and Graduate Program

Goal 1: **To develop world-recognized leaders in research**

Objective 1: *We will develop a mentorship program to support and assist early entry and established faculty with career development and transitions*

Actions:
- Establish a mentorship committee
- Seek faculty input on mandate and structure of committee
- Mentorship committee will collect data on different mentorship programs—including outcome measures of mentorship programs

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Theme 4: Research and Graduate Program

Goal 1: **To develop world-recognized leaders in research**

Objective 2: *We will develop expand and strengthen the departments graduate program*

Actions:
- GSRC
- Funding
- Courses
- SCIR-Responses
Goal 2: **To develop strong focused research programs**

**Objective 1:** *We will clarify, refine, strengthen and communicate the research portfolio of the Department of Clinical Studies*

**Actions:**

- Re-establish a department research advisory committee (RAC)
- RAC develops a list of core research strengths and identifies areas for focused growth and specialization
- RAC develops plan for promoting research in department (for example, engaging other departments regarding research opportunities for students in our department)
- RAC works on developing department newsletter with research updates

Goal 3: **To promote and facilitate performing research related to individual animal health**

**Objective 1:** *We will facilitate implementation of clinical trials*

**Actions:**

- Department clinical trial coordinator
  - Internal Communication
- Working group will develop a standardized consent form for clinical trials at OVC
- Leaders will submit proposal regarding standardization of fees for clinical trials in teaching hospital
- Office of Research and Animal Care Committee
Theme 5: Fiscal Viability

Goal 1: **Improve financial status of the OVC with the intent to increase opportunities for reinvestment and growth in both core and novel fields of veterinary medicine that will improve opportunities for the advancement of knowledge and education of veterinarians**

Objective 1: *We will ensure fiscal responsibility within the Department’s new initiatives*

Actions:
- Business plans with initiatives

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Goal 1: **Improve financial status of the OVC**

Objective 1: *We will continue to collect and evaluate the data regarding our expenditures incurred in delivering the DVM curriculum*

Actions:
- Course costs-animal, people and disposables
Planning Themes/Summary

(Department) Integrated Plan

• Questions?