Welcome to our Locums:

- Dr Ron Vin will be in Large Animal Medicine February 25 – March 8th
- Dr Bianca Bauer will be in Ophthalmology February 25 – March 1st
- Dr Sheila Etue will be in Diagnostic Imaging February 25 – March 1st

1. Our next Department Meeting will be held this Friday, March 1, 2019. Please confirm your attendance by responding to the calendar invitation.

2. Course Scheduling for F19 Graduate Courses Course offerings for F19 are now due in the Chair’s office. A copy of the F19 Course Outline must appear in the Course Outline Manager program and a copy provided to the Chair’s office before scheduling will be approved. Course Outlines and the Course Offering Request Form are available on the CS Website. [https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/course-offerings-graduate-program](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/course-offerings-graduate-program)

3. Department Hand Carts If you know where the 2 departmental hand carts (1 grey, 1 red) are, please return them to the table by the mailboxes on the 2nd floor, or contact Linda Wing to arrange for pick up.

4. Employee Transit Pass Check out the attached flyer for details on receiving your Guelph Transit pass for less!

5. Freezer Space Faculty are reminded to use their assigned freezer space only. If more freezer space is required, contact Michelle Beaudoin Kimble or the name listed on the freezer door before using the space. Items found in the freezers that have not been approved will be removed and discarded.

6. Graduate Office Space Renovations Construction has started on the new Graduate Office Space on the 2nd floor, above the Animal Cancer Centre. This area will be closed off for the duration of construction and is expected to be completed by April 5th, 2019. Check the Physical Resources Notice of Work for further details.

7. Grand Rounds! This week’s seminar on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 will be held at 8:30 – 9:30 am in Rm 1714 LLC. Presenting this week:

   Phillipe Larose
   Title: “The Story of Lucy”
   &
   Rames Salcedo
   Title: TBA
8. SEARCH COMMITTEES UPDATES:
- **Diagnostic Imaging** Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
- **Radiation Oncology** 3 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- **Cardiology** Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
- **Neurology** – 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- **Large Animal Internal Medicine** – Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
- **Nutrition** – 1 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
- **Emergency Critical Care Medicine** - 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – Announcing the Committee: Dr Alexa Bersenas, Dr Shane Bateman, Dr Anthony Abrams-Ogg, Dr Andrea Sanchez, Dr Carolyn Kerr

The current Collective Agreement between the University of Guelph Faculty Association and the University of Guelph requires that all members of faculty search committees receive orientation to address potential unconscious (or implicit) bias in the faculty search process. To Begin the Orientation - please visit Minimizing Implicit Bias in the Search Process.

9. Instructor Evaluations for W19 for Phases 1-3 are now available in CEVAL through the following link. [https://courseeval.uoguelph.ca](https://courseeval.uoguelph.ca) Faculty should confirm all courses have been added to the survey list with Linda Wing if not already done. Evaluations are set up to remain open until the day before the final exam in each course. Faculty are encouraged to remind students (on the last day of instruction in each course) to complete the evaluations.

10. Recruiting DVMs for practical exams!
The Clinical Medicine OSCEs (objective structured clinical exams) are in need of veterinarians to serve as examiners. These exams are evaluating 1st and 2nd year students while they perform basic physical exam skills. Grading rubrics are provided to make grading easy and standardized across examiners. Exams take place between 9:00-12:30 on March 4, 5, 7, & 8, and April 11 & 12. If you are interested in being an examiner for one or more dates or have any questions, please contact Shauna Blois as sblois@uoguelph.ca.

11. Handling difficult behaviours in the Classroom – Panel Discussion
Join us for a panel discussion on how you might handle difficult conversations and behaviours in the teaching classroom. The conversation will be focussed on strategies that instructors can use to help enhance and manage the teaching-learning exchange in the classroom. Panelists include the following faculty members:
- Dr. Kathleen Rodenburg (School of Hospitality, Food & Tourism Management)
- Dr. Ruth Neustifter (Family Relations & Applied Nutrition)
- Dr. Ian Newby-Clark (Psychology/ First Year Seminar Program)
- Dr. Andy Robinson (Animal Biosciences)
The session will be held on February 27, 2019 from 12-1pm in the Whitelaw room in the Library.
Register here: [http://reg.opened.uoguelph.ca/?event_id=2582](http://reg.opened.uoguelph.ca/?event_id=2582)

12. Seminar Announcement
Presented by Dr. Alexandre Secorum Borges. [Poster available here](https://ocv.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/).
Title: Large Animal Genetic Disorders from a Brazilian Perspective
Date: February 28, 2019
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Location: Rm 2152 ANCC Bldg 49, CS Seminar Room

Updates to Links and all Corrections will be posted to the Clinical Studies Website: [https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/) Email news and updates to csevents@uoguelph.ca by Friday @ noon. Thanks!
13. Course Scheduling for F19 Graduate Courses Course offerings for F19 are due in the Chair’s office by Tuesday, February 26, 2019. A copy of the F19 Course Outline must appear in the Course Outline Manager program and a copy provided to the Chair’s office before scheduling will be approved. Course Outlines and the Course Offering Request Form are posted on the CS Website https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/course-offerings-graduate-program.

14. Pet Trust Research Competition Winter 2019
OVC Pet Trust provides funds for research that advances the health and quality of life of companion animals. Approximately $215,000 is available to be allocated in this competition. The equipment competition will also be open with $20,000 available. In addition, there is a new allocation of $95,000 available for the Winter 2019 competition for research specifically concerning the health and welfare of cats. All funds will be awarded following a peer review by the Companion Animal Scientific Committee. Pet Trust Research Competition for a full schedule of dates. Deadline for Full Proposal: March 6, 2019 to Department chairs for signage.

15. Call for Nominations: Zoetis Award for Research Excellence (Faculty Award)
The Zoetis Award for Research Excellence is available to faculty in any department of the Ontario Veterinary College. Please submit your recommendation for this award to the OVC Awards Committee c/o Elizabeth Lowenger, Manager, Student Affairs at lowenger@uoguelph.ca by noon on March 1, 2019.

PURPOSE: To foster innovative research, on which the scientific advancement of the profession depends, by recognizing outstanding research effort and productivity.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION: Nominees must be members of the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Nominees should be the principal investigator in research that shows promise of attaining national recognition. This research must have been conducted within the past three years.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION: Any faculty member may nominate a qualified candidate. The nominations will consist of a nominating statement, curriculum vitae, pertinent reprints or manuscripts, and up to three letters of support. The OVC Awards Committee will evaluate each nominee using the above criteria and choose the recipient.

AWARD: The Award will consist of an inscribed plaque and a cash award of $1,000.00 in Canadian funds. The formal presentation of this award will be at the Convocation Awards Ceremony the week of June 10, 2019.

16. March 8 marks International Women’s Day, an opportunity to celebrate women’s achievements and push for gender balance around the world. We invite you to celebrate the occasion during a breakfast event hosted by GenEQ: Advancing the Status of Women at the University of Guelph.

International Women’s Day Breakfast
Friday, March 8, 2019
8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Welcoming remarks at 9 a.m.
Summerlee Science Complex Atrium
Drop-in continental breakfast for all faculty and staff – All allies are welcome
RSVP online

Community and academic International Women’s Day events will be taking place across campus all day on March 8. More information about those events will be available on intranet.uoguelph.ca in the weeks ahead. Together, let’s support this year’s International Women’s Day theme and help achieve #BalanceForBetter.

Learn more about how our GenEQ initiative is advancing the status of women at the University of Guelph. For more information, please email genderequity@uoguelph.ca.
17. **2019 College Budget Meetings and Town Hall** Schedule of Meetings

OVC College Budget Meeting will be held on **March 21, 2019** from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall Wing B.

2019 University Town Hall Meeting will take place on **April 1, 2019** from 12:00 – 1:30 pm in Peter Clark Hall. Invitation Poster

18. **Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses Symposium** is a one day event that brings together all pillars and forms of public health and zoonotic disease work and research. Last year our symposium had over 20 presentations with almost double the posters and close to 250 participants attending. This year we are aiming for the same great vent, but we need you!!

Topics of the day include:
- Food Safety
- One Health
- Ecohealth
- Zoonotic Disease
- Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship
- Comparative Medicine
- Water Safety
- Vectorborne
- ....and many more areas of public health that you might be working in!

The symposium will take place **Thursday, May 30, 2019** in Rozanski Hall.

Abstract submission and registration forms are available from the CPHAZ website, along with more information about our event. We are encouraging everyone working in public health and zoonotic disease related areas to submit abstracts, either for a presentation in poster or oral form. Check the website for further details.

19. **11th Annual Guelph Inside Ride** Please support the 11th Annual Guelph Inside Ride in support of Kids and Families living with and beyond cancer, in support of Coast to Coast Against Cancer, the only organization on Canada exclusively dedicated to support of pediatric cancer initiatives. This organization guarantees 100% of the funds raised will be directed to help send kids to camp, support hospice and transition of kids and families living with cancer. To date, Team Guelph has raised close to $300,000 since 2009. The event will be held at the Summerlee Science Atrium on Sunday March 3rd. Please sign up a team or as a rider or volunteer at guelphu.theinsideride.com. We would love to have more teams, volunteers or at the very least donations!! Please sponsor a rider on this site. For more information or to become involved, please contact Tom Gibson @ tgibson@uoguelph.ca.

20. **Winter (February) Convocation ceremonies** At its meeting on Monday, February 4th, Senate approved a motion to end the practice of holding Winter (February) Convocation ceremonies, effective February 2020.

There were number of reasons for this decision including campus wellness and interference with the Winter Break, low turnout, lesser student experience, and disproportionate cost. This decision only affects the ceremony itself and **students who finish their studies in the Fall semester will still be able to receive their degree parchment in the Winter semester**, and will be welcome to attend the June Convocation ceremony and formally cross the stage at that time.

As part of its deliberations, Senate noted the importance of ensuring this change is communicated to the University Community well in advance of its implementation in 2020.

Further information including the full rationale is available in the Senate meeting package (https://uoguelph.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=1307) on page 281. If you have any questions or concerns please do be in touch.
21. **Wellness@Work Update** Check the Wellness@Work Website for upcoming events and program overview. [February Calendar of Events is linked here](#). Submissions of [Grant applications](#) to further enhance the physical and psychological health, safety and quality of life for all faculty and staff are now being accepted. Applications must be received by **March 29, 2019**.