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To: Provost Wilcox
Dean Brown

From: Michigan State University Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

Subject: Discontinuation of Undergraduate Advising and Veterinary Technology Program

The Michigan State University Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) strongly opposes the elimination of Undergraduate Advising and the Veterinary Technology Program at the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). As an organization we oppose such decisions for the following three reasons: 1) A need for assistance from CVM Undergraduate Advisors, 2) The importance of undergraduate students to the future success of the college and 3) Training of future Veterinary Health Care Teams.

Members of the PVMA rely on CVM Undergraduate Advisors to help guide themselves and other undergraduate students through the necessary courses and help them prepare strong applications for the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program. Academic advisors from other colleges within the university do not have the same knowledge of the veterinary profession, the requirements to apply to the DVM program or the recommended academic course load to adequately help students become successful applicants in comparison to the CVM Undergraduate Advisors.

In 2003, the CVM renewed an interest in the PVMA by appointing individual(s) whom are part of the Veterinary Health Care team as advisors to the club. Since that time, the organization has grown from a meager 30 members to over 500 at the present time. This growth is in part due to the advisor(s) helping coach the organization to expose members to the Veterinary Health Care team, and help them better understand what it consists of. Furthermore, the club's growth has been an excellent indirect tool in recruiting students to the CVM DVM program.



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profession. The success of a Veterinary Health Care Team relies heavily on each member fulfilling his or her assigned duties. As a result, the CVM no longer have the oldest and well-respected Veterinary Technology program. Veterinary and veterinary technology students will not be able to learn and experience the Veterinary Health Care team side by side during their clinical rotations at Michigan State University.

Again, the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association is opposed to the College of Veterinary Medicine and Michigan State University eliminating the CVM Undergraduate Advisors and phasing out the Veterinary Technology Program. Such a void will compromise undergraduate students' preparedness and recruitment to the DVM program at Michigan State University. These changes will jeopardize the premiere status of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Cordially,

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