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ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – CHAPTER 2

Actions Requested: Consider adoption of amendments to Iowa Administrative Code 681, Chapter 2.

Executive Summary: At its June 2009 meeting, the Board approved filing notice to amend IAC 681, Chapter 2 “Supplemental Specific Rules for Each Institution”. Admission rules for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University are contained in the administrative rules. These rules have not been changed since 1979. The amendments align the administrative code language with the current admission process in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The notice of intent to amend the rules was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 1, 2009. The notice established a comment period which ended on July 21. No comments were received.

If the Board adopts these amendments, the required forms will be filed on August 7, 2009. The amendments will be effective on September 30, 2009.

The amendments appear on the following pages.

Item 1. Rescind subrule 2.26(1) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

2.26(1) Introduction. The basic admissions requirements of the college of veterinary medicine are included in this rule. For the most current information regarding applications and admission to the college of veterinary medicine, please refer to the college of veterinary medicine's Web site at www.vetmed.iastate.edu.

Item 2. Rescind subrule 2.26(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

2.26(2) Academic requirements. Applicants for admission to the college of veterinary medicine must demonstrate that they have accomplished the following minimum academic requirements:

- a. Earned at least 60 semester credits from accredited colleges or universities by the end of the spring term of the year in which the applicant seeks to be admitted.
- b. Completed the prerequisite coursework as determined by the faculty of the college of veterinary medicine by the deadlines determined by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.
- c. Attained an undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.
- d. Taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Item 3. Adopt the following **new** subrule 2.26(3):

2.26(3) Application process. All inquiries regarding admission to the college of veterinary medicine should be directed to the Coordinator of Admissions, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 1600 S. 16th Street, Ames, Iowa 50011-1250. The application process includes the following:

- a. Applicants must apply using the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) applications (see www.aavmc.org).
- b. In addition to the VMCAS application, applicants also need to complete any additional supplemental application as required by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.
- c. Transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended must be submitted to the coordinator of admissions at the address listed above.
- d. A personal interview is required of all applicants.
- e. Applicants shall submit payment of the application fee approved by the board of regents under 681 -- 1.7(262).
- f. All application materials must be submitted by the deadlines determined annually by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine.

Item 4. Adopt the following **new** subrule 2.26(4):

2.26(4) Admission criteria. Admission to the college of veterinary medicine is on a competitive and selective basis. The selection criteria shall be established by the admissions committee of the college of veterinary medicine. These criteria may include review by the admissions committee of an applicant's GPA; GRE; coursework rigor; personal statement; animal; veterinary and general work experiences; recommendations; and a required personal interview. Completing the minimum academic requirements does not ensure admission. From the applicants who meet the minimum academic requirements, the admission committee will select the applicants

who in the judgment of the committee appear to be best qualified for the study and practice of veterinary medicine.

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