



June 23, 2022

VIA ARMATURE

Dr. James Thompson, Dean
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

During its June 1, 2022 meeting, the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA COE, Council) conducted a review of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. This review encompassed the College's self-study, the Report of Evaluation (ROE) from the site visit team, and the College's response to the site team's ROE. Based on this review, the Council granted the College an accreditation classification of Accredited with minor deficiencies in Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment. A copy of this letter and ROE will also be sent to the University's president, Dr. Randy Boyd.

A minor deficiency has minimal or no effect on student learning or safety and is readily corrected by the College within one year. The minor deficiency must be corrected within one year (June 23, 2023) to avoid a change in the College's accreditation status.

The college is required to submit a plan for correction of the minor deficiency to the AVMA-COE within 30 days of this status notification. The plan must be submitted on or before July 23, 2022. The plan must outline steps to correct the deficiency by addressing the directive and provide a timetable for completion. Progress reports on the plan are required by the AVMA COE twice a year, one being the annual interim report. If, within one year, the College provides evidence that the deficiency has been corrected, the College may be granted Accredited status for the remainder of the accreditation cycle. If the minor deficiency is not corrected within one year (June 23, 2023), the College will be placed on Probationary Accreditation status for one additional year.

MINOR DEFICIENCY

Standard 3 – Physical Facilities and Equipment

Minor Deficiency:

All aspects of the physical facilities must provide an appropriate learning environment. Safety of personnel and animals must be a high priority.

Classrooms, teaching laboratories, teaching hospitals, which may include but are not limited to ambulatory/ field service vehicles, seminar rooms, and other teaching spaces, shall be clean, maintained in good repair, and adequate in number, size, and equipment for the instructional purposes intended and the number of students enrolled.

Directives:

1. Flooring and wall surfaces must be in good repair, promote animal and personnel safety, and be able to be adequately disinfected for infectious disease control.
2. The College must have a plan for, and provide evidence of, regular monitoring (at least annually) of formaldehyde levels in anatomy laboratories.

During review, the Council identified areas requiring additional reporting, which must be addressed in the College's interim report, due on or before December 15, 2022.

Additional reporting –

1. The College must report on the ongoing ability of the current medical records system to efficiently support the teaching, research, and service programs of the College.
2. The College must document steps taken to ensure clinical staff understand the process to access the medical records system after hours.
3. The College must report on the progress towards a more robust, integrated electronic medical records system.

Suggestions for improving the program can be found in the Report of Evaluation.

If you have any questions regarding this action of the Council, please contact Dr. Karen Martens Brandt, Director of the AVMA Education and Research Division at 1-800-248-2862, ext. 6674 or e-mail kbrandt@avma.org.

Sincerely,



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