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Hiring of Five New Faculty

The Department of Veterinary Biosciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine invites applications for five faculty positions in key thematic areas of cancer and cancer-related research to advance human and animal health. These key thematic areas are oncology, immunology, clinical pathology and laboratory animal pathology.

External review of VBS

In 2017, the Department of Veterinary Biosciences underwent its mandatory 10-year review which concluded with a meeting between Dr. Niewiesk, Dean Moore and Associate Dean Fingland with Provost McPheron and his staff. The external review board from four Colleges of Veterinary Medicine consisted of Dr. Charles Czuprynski (Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison), Dr. Gregg Dean (Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology, Colorado State University), Dr. Guy Palmer (Creighton Chair and Director of the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health, Washington State University) and Dr. Srirama Rao (Associate Dean for Research, University of Minnesota). The external review board visited the department on September 25 - 26, 2017. The panel praised the performance of VBS faculty in its various mission areas: i) pre-clinical teaching of veterinary medical students (predominantly years 1-2 of the professional curriculum); ii) clinical teaching of veterinary medical students (predominantly year 4 of the professional curriculum); iii) residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology; iv) graduate education in biomedical science; v) clinical services in anatomic and clinical pathology to the veterinary medical center and external clinicians; and vi) basic and applied biomedical research.



In addition, the panel provided constructive critiques for improvement of the program. The external review coincided with the development of the College Strategic Plan. The recommendations of the external

review team and the Strategic Plan were discussed at a departmental retreat in December. The outcomes of these planning activities include a renovation plan for the research laboratories in Goss Lab, a VBS newsletter and an improved departmental website, evaluations of changes to the college PhD program, re-establishment of the VBS departmental seminar, and last but not least the hire of five new faculty.

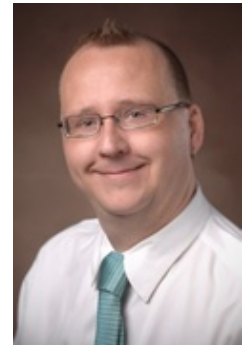
Announcements

Dr. Stefan Niewiesk who served as the Interim Chair of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences during the past year, has accepted the position of Chair. This four-year appointment began February 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2022.



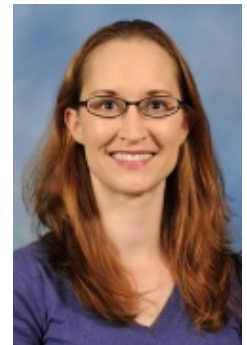
Dr. Estelle Cormet-Boyaka was elected as senator to the OSU senate for a three-year term starting in August.

Dr. Ian Davis was elected Fellow of the American Thoracic Society. The ATS Fellow designation is a mark of distinction, conferring recognition on members for their accomplishments, dedication and contributions to the Society as well as to the fields of pulmonary and critical care, and sleep medicine.



Dr. Shan-Lu Liu was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. The American Academy of Microbiology is the honorific leadership group within the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), the world's oldest and largest life science organization.

Dr. Jessica Hokamp received a 2 year grant from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation for her study entitled "Characterization of Renal Disease in American Boxer Dogs".



Dr. Rebecca Kohnken, Principal Pathologist at AbbVie, has been appointed as Adjunct Assistant Professor in VBS. She will teach cardiovascular pathology for residents in the college.

Dr. Anil Parwani, Professor and Vice Chair of Pathology, has received a courtesy appointment in VBS. He is an expert in digital pathology and image analysis and will interact with the anatomic pathology group.

Dr. David Yohn passed at the age of 88 in December of last year. He received a Ph.D. in Immunology from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1969 he joined the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology (now Veterinary Biosciences) at The Ohio State University. Dr. Yohn became one of only five directors the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center has had since it was designated by the National Cancer Institute as a Comprehensive Cancer Center in 1976.