UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
CLASS OF 2030 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

We, the Utah State University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2030, in recognition of our shared commitment to academic excellence, professional identity, community wellness, and ethical veterinary practice, do hereby establish this Constitution and its Bylaws to guide our collective governance, representation, and service to our peers and the broader veterinary community.

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT OF NAME AND AUTHORITY

The name of the organization is the Utah State University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2030, referred to in short as "% 2030."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND VALUES

a. The purpose of % 2030 is stated as follows:
   i. To support the academic and professional development of all % 2030 members;
   ii. To promote professionalism, collaboration, and respect as outlined in the Utah State University (hence referred to as "the University") College of Veterinary Medicine ("the College") Professional Identity Standards and the American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA") Veterinarian's Oath;
   iii. To uphold the values of community wellness, nondiscrimination, integrity, and responsible communication as defined in University and College policies;
   iv. To encourage student engagement, service, and representation in matters that affect the veterinary student experience;
   v. As lifelong learners, we will strive for academic excellence and the personal pursuit of knowledge throughout our education and careers;
   vi. As the future of veterinary medicine, we are committed to its expansion and innovation in years to come;
   vii. We are committed to our oath, as stated:

"As a veterinary student in the Utah State University College of Veterinary Medicine, I promise to work conscientiously to develop my scientific and medical knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge. Throughout my time here as a student, I will conduct myself with dignity and professionalism and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics. I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence."

b. The values of % 2030, to be upheld by every member of the cohort, are as follows:

i. Gratitude
ii. Diligence
iii. Inspiring

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND EXPECTATIONS

Section 1: Membership Guidelines

a. Membership and its inherent benefits (including, but not limited to, one vote per motion per member) are offered to all currently enrolled students of the College's % 2030;
b. No student shall be expelled unless they withdraw from the cohort;
    i. Academic probation does not warrant restriction of membership;
c. Membership and its inherent benefits cannot be transferred, sold, or purchased.

Section 2: Nondiscrimination

The % 2030 and its officers are committed to the elimination of discrimination based on gender, gender identity, race, color, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, veteran's status, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

ARTICLE IV - POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

a. **PRESIDENT**
    i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;
    ii. *Duties Included*:
        1. Service as chairperson for the organization, including representation of the Class of 2030 to the College, SAVMA, AVMA, and other external entities;
        2. Action as the primary liaison for club leadership, faculty advisors, College administration, and the Office of Student Services;
        3. Assurance that all cohort activities, events, and communications align with the mission of the % 2030 and the College's policies;
        4. Coordination of Council meetings and action as primary moderator for % 2030 council meetings;
        5. Dissemination of Council meeting agendas prior to meeting time in coordination with the Vice President and Secretary;
        6. Delegation of responsibilities to officers and committees as appropriate to support operations;
        7. Monitoring of officer performance, including facilitation of leadership trainings each academic year;
        8. Approval by signature of all official documents, expenditures, and correspondences of % 2030;
        9. Communication with council, clubs, and external entities to encourage

collaboration;
10. Promotion of professional engagement and development among members of the cohort;
11. Service as an *ex officio* member of all committees created under % 2030.

b. VICE PRESIDENT

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties Included:*

1. Assistance to the President, Council officers, and clubs (as needed) with their respective duties;
2. Coordination of Council meetings and action as primary moderator for % 2030 Council meetings when the President is unable to do so;
3. Preparation and dissemination of Council meeting agendas prior to meeting time in coordination with the President and Secretary;
4. Completion of specific projects:
    a. Collaborate with College administration to review and revise incoming student packets for the Class of 2031;
    b. Organize the Big/Little Program for the Class of 2031.

c. SECRETARY

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Assistance to the President and Vice President with their respective duties;
2. Maintain a record of all Council and % 2030 meetings, and all activities;
3. Communication of information with % 2030 in regard to upcoming activities, events, and class highlights.

d. TREASURER

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Management of % 2030 finances via budget account;
2. Record maintenance of the following, including but not limited to current funds, deposit slips, receipts, check issuances, donations, and dues paid;
3. Transparency of class fund use and allocation;
4. Organization of events and fundraisers.

e. HISTORIAN

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Development of various methods to track and gather images from the

College, faculty, staff, and % 2030;
2. Encouragement of student participation in departmental photography contests;
3. Collaboration with the Office of Student Services to organize albums and oversee the Yearbook Committee design of a class yearbook draft;
    a. The draft is to be previewed during the spring semester of % 2030's fourth year
4. Analysis and contribution to the weekly College-developed newsletters, providing relevant event dates, information, or images taken to the newsletter editor;
    a. Analyze and contribute to weekly CVM-developed newsletters and provide
5. Coordination of intracohort forms of communication (e.g. Discord, Slack, GroupMe, etc.).

f. STUDENT ADVOCATES

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Action as professional liaisons between the College faculty, staff, and % 2030;
2. Collaboration with the College's Curriculum Committee, as applicable to improve the current curriculum;
3. Attendance of faculty meetings to discuss feedback presented by % 2030;
4. Study of the existing curriculum to identify strengths, weaknesses, obsolescences, and potential directions of programs;
5. Recommendation of relevant and appropriate curricula for implementation to the Council, % 2030, and College faculty.

iii. *Please note:* Officer title was changed from "Student Faculty and Curriculum Committee Representative" to be shorter and to better represent the responsibilities of the elected persons. The commensurate position of the Class of 2029 retains the aforementioned title.

g. SUNSHINE COCHAIRS

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Enhance cohort morale by planning events that prompt physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, social, and professional wellness;
    a. A minimum of one event must be planned per semester.
2. Maintain a positive and open attitude so colleagues may approach with personal or academic concerns, thus ensuring that every student feels

valued, respected, and that they are an important part of this community;
3. Advocate for fairness, collaboration, understanding, and a sense of belonging within the cohort, regardless of backgrounds, identities, or experiences;
4. Foster unity, empathy, and mutual respect through proactive initiatives, gatherings, and education, thereby molding an environment that is welcoming, supportive, and where difference is celebrated as strength.

h. UTAH VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION / CACHE VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. *Specific to the Utah Veterinary Medical Association ("UVMA")*
    a. Action as a liaison between the College and UVMA;
    b. Attendance of UVMA board meetings and reporting board agendas to % 2030;
    c. Coordination of opportunities wherein students can interact with Utah-based practitioners;
    d. Organization of the College's winter board meeting with the sitting UVMA president;
        i. This meeting shall include:
            1. a Continuing Education event;
            2. A dinner hosted for students and members of the UVMA
2. *Specific to the Cache Veterinary Practitioners Association ("CVPA")*
    a. Action as a liaison between the % 2030 and the veterinarians of Cache Valley, Utah;
    b. Attendance of CVPA meetings;
    c. Maintenance and encouragement of related activities, such as local rabies clinics;
        i. Emergency phone signups are managed through Chance Simpson, UVMA/CVPA Representative for % 2029.

i. **STUDENT AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;

ii. *Duties:*

1. Attendance of the College's SAVMA Chapter Council and % 2030 Council meetings;
2. Action as a liaison between the SAVMA Chapter Council and the % 2030

Council, reporting concerns, requesting updates, and encouraging collaboration between the two bodies;
3. Other responsibilities are included, but as they are primarily beholden to the SAVMA Chapter Council, the individual duty is not detailed within this document.

j. **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR**
   i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;
   ii. *Duties:*
      1. Coordination with the Office of Student Services to organize existing club activities and potential future clubs;
      2. Action as the "person-of-contact" for general questions of the % 2030.

k. **STUDENT SAFETY OFFICER**
   i. *Term:* 2026-2030, elected in the first semester of 2026 by % 2030;
   ii. *Duties:*
      1. Provision of safety awareness to the entire student body, including information regarding individual safety, as well as the safety of the building occupied. Reference contact for the USU Police Dispatch for non-emergencies will be listed as 435-797-1939.
      2. Make known escape routes, safety zones, medical equipment, CINTAS boxes, fire extinguishers, and protocols in the case of an emergency - in step with USU policy. Instruct a safety/medical training of choosing to the class once a semester.
      3. Maintenance of the CINTAS inventory - something something not less than once annually something something

ARTICLE V - MEETING REQUESTS

For all inquiries regarding student events, the classroom environment, program organization, or other general concerns, the Council shall reach out to the following members of the College's staff, in order of superiority, to request a meeting:

a. Student Services Coordinators (as applicable per academic year)
   i. First Year Student Services Coordinator
   ii. Second Year Student Services Coordinator
   iii. Third Year Student Services Coordinator
   iv. Fourth Year Student Services Coordinator
b. Director of Student Affairs
c. The Dean of the College

In the event that an inquiry cannot be resolved with the first individual, escalate as appropriate until a resolution is determined.

ARTICLE VI - COUNCIL AND COHORT MEETINGS

Section One: Council Meetings

a. Council meetings are to be scheduled at a minimum of once monthly;
b. The subsequent meeting date and time should be finalized at the time of the present meeting;
c. In theory, the Council should always have a topic to address and discuss, so cancellations should not be considered unless in an emergent, special, or otherwise extenuating circumstance;
d. A member of the Office of Student Services will be present at the beginning of the meeting to brief the Council and answer any questions.

Section Two: Council-Cohort Meetings

Council-Cohort meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. Meetings will be held to confer with the cohort regarding upcoming events, fundraisers, concerns, or other matters that must be addressed by the entirety of the % 2030. The President (or a delegated officer) shall notify their classmates of meeting details with ample notice when possible.

When a Council-Cohort meeting is held, the order of business will proceed as follows:

a. The President addresses the cohort with official business;
b. The Treasurer notifies the class of their budget;
c. Details of upcoming events are shared;
d. Open forum regarding relevant ideas or concerns;
e. Questions for clarification or comments in regard to subpoint d. are submitted;
f. Motions that require a vote will be decided at the time of the meeting, unless the Council and Cohort determine that more time is required for further discussion.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

a. Committees may be formed for certain projects or events, if so desired by the % 2030.
b. The Committee Bodies will be made up of students on a volunteer basis;
c. Bodies should be formed at the time of Council-Cohort meetings;
d. Committee terms will last until the project or event has been completed, or until disbanded by the members of a given body.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING PROCEDURES

a. In order for a proposed motion to be brought to vote, ⅔ of the Council must be present (either in-person or via virtual meeting);
b. In the case that less than ⅔ of the Council is present, or if present Council members deem the motion appropriate, the vote may be moved to a virtual polling medium;
c. For a motion to be ratified, it must be affirmed by a simple majority of the voting Council members at the time of voting;
d. The President shall have no vote unless the remaining Executive Body is equally divided.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by the following procedure:

a. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed regularly during scheduled meetings, unless the matter is emergent;
b. The proposal shall be stated (via writing or verbalization), placed on the agenda, and viewed by all officers;
c. At least ⅔ of the Council must be present at a meeting for a ratifying vote to take place, or should they deem it necessary, the vote may be moved to a virtual polling medium;
d. At least ⅔ of the present Council members must vote in favor of the amendment for it to be considered an official aspect of the Constitution;
e. The fate of an amendment will be determined immediately after polling closes;
f. Officers are to review the Constitution each semester to ensure understanding and make amendments as requested;
g. Amendments will be listed in *italics* at the end of the Constitution.

ARTICLE X - OFFICER RE-ELECTION, REMEDIATION, AND ACADEMIC PROBATION

Section One: Re-election

a. Re-election (e.g. in the case of impeachment or resignation) for any position, with the exception of SAVMA delegates, may occur if more than 50% of the entire % 2030 (39 affirmations as of Fall 2026) votes in favor of re-election.
    i. Should re-election be deemed necessary, it is the duty of the incumbent members to inform the Office of Student Services so that they may facilitate the process;
b. Voting polls can be electronic or in-person, and should be voted on per position;
c. Polls are to include an option for new candidates to be nominated or to declare their candidacy, ensuring the possibility of vacant positions;
d. If necessary, election polling should be held within the first few weeks of the Fall semester of each year.

Section Two: Remediation

a. If an officer receives a non-passing final grade ($x<73\%$) in any required course, they are instructed to inform the President as soon as they are able to ensure that the Executive Body is adequately prepared for the officer's academic probation, further described in Article X, Section Three;
    i. Officers are not required to tell any officer other than the President;
        1. The President (or other officers that were informed of the remediation process) is required to avoid sharing details of an officer's absence with any other student or officer.
    ii. Officers are not required to report their final course grade OR their remediation exam score, but they are required to indicate whether or not they passed the exam.

b. Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the College's Academic Standards, Policies, and Procedures Policy, officers are *obliged* (by virtue of their office) to perform a "self-check" at the midpoint of each semester to assess their grades and provide the best chance to avoid the process of remediation altogether;
    i. Should an officer determine their overall course grade to be less than or equal to 66.9% (D+), they are compelled to participate in academic support programs offered by the College (such as PASS), University, or by an external source. An officer's obligation includes acceptance of any early intervention program invitations offered by the Office of Academic Programs ("OAP");

<u>Section Three: Academic Probation</u>

a. As described in Section 4.2 of the College's Academic Standards, Policies, and Procedures Policy, any student that successfully completes remediation will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent semester;
b. Section 4.3 states that during the probationary semester, a student is not permitted to hold office in a student class, organization, or attend local/national meetings that interfere with class attendance or assessment preparation;
c. With respect to the circumstances that might have affected a student's ability to perform sufficiently, the Executive Body will consider the officer on sabbatical leave;
d. The status of academic probation is removed once the officer completes the semester with passing grades in all required courses, and the officer will be reinstated into the Executive Body.

Ratified by the Class of 2030 on insert month/day of approval here 2026