2011 Goals and Evaluations from Department and Faculty

- Restructured Veterinary Assistant Option so it more closely resembles the Veterinary Technician Options
- Animal Husbandry Option replaced the current Veterinary Assistant Option
- 100% of the New graduate first time test takers for the national veterinary technician licensing exam passed
- Equine Health Care Option
    - Classes scheduled and students started program
    - Dr. Krull was appointed to head up the Equine Health Option
    - Dr. Krull taught Equine Diseases for the first time
    - Dr. Heath taught Equine Anesthesia for the first time
- Reviewed and adjusted pre requisites in order to improve student success once they are enrolled in a class.
    - Required a specific ACT score in order to take two of the first semester classes with the goal of having students ready to be successful when they are enrolled in a class.
    - Required a 70% in one class to take the next class in the series.

2011 AVMA Veterinary Technician Accreditation

Achieved National Veterinary Technician Licensing Exam, new graduates, first time test takers pass rate of 100%.

The annual two day meeting in October was coordinated by Dr. Barnes and offered 16 hours of NVMA approved continuing education hours for licensed Veterinary Technicians and Assistants to attend and update clinical knowledge.

Reviewed and updated the AVMA Essential Skill curriculum at the VT division meeting in November.

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Impacts:

- Requiring a specific ACT did not seem to make much difference in the % of students who were successful in the classes. It did make the lab sizes a little smaller which improved accessibility of students to teacher and animals. One concern is that it may have kept a few students out of the classes who may have had the initiative to be successful.
- Requiring a 70% in one class to take the next class in the series has accomplished the goal of the students having the necessary 80% CGPA at the end of the last semester for the Veterinary Technician Option. This in turn has kept the passing rate of the national veterinary technician licensing exam between 80 and 100%. With the updated Veterinary Technician curriculum it may in the future prevent some students from completing the Veterinary Assistant Degree because they will not be eligible to take the next class in a series.
- 2011 Veterinary Technician on-line Classes / Option
    - Develop additional classes that students can take on line and by working in veterinary clinics.
    - Complete 40 credit hours of courses by 2011
- Accomplishments:

    - 14 credit hours are available on-line
    - No new classes were completed for on-line delivery.
    - 8 credit hours are in the developmental stage
    - We field many phone calls and E-mails from people interested in completing their degree on-line.
    - With the current offerings students can start the program on-line but must make the commitment to move to Curtis to complete the program.
- 2011 Exotic Animal Care Option
    - Complete interest survey 2011 – on hold
- 2011 Practice Management Option
    - Developed curriculum
    - Option Approved by Academic Council for fall 2011 catalog
    - Complete interest survey – not formally done
    - Discussed and met with enthusiasm at annual VT advisory meeting
- 2011 accomplishments
    - UNMC Comparative Medicine Option
    - After much discussion with the NCTA faculty and UNMC researchers it was determined that while the UNMC people will serve as great part-time instructors the majority of curriculum development, coordinating, planning and teaching will need to be provided by two full-time NCTA instructors with location at the medical center. Position descriptions have been developed and a selection committee is currently being formed.