

The Council has proposed the following revision for Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment (additions are underlined, deletions are ~~struck through~~):

### **Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment**

All aspects of the physical facilities must provide an appropriate learning environment and safety of personnel and animals must be assured. 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.

Administrative and faculty offices and research laboratories must be sufficient for the needs of the faculty and staff.

An accredited college must maintain an on-campus veterinary teaching hospital(s), or have formal affiliation with one or more off-campus veterinary hospitals used for teaching. Appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic service components, including but not limited to pharmacy, diagnostic imaging, diagnostic support services, isolation facilities, intensive/critical care, ambulatory/field service vehicles, and necropsy facilities must be provided to support the teaching hospital(s) or facilities, with operational policies and procedures posted in appropriate places.

Facilities for the housing of animals used for teaching and research shall be sufficient in number, properly constructed, and maintained in a manner consistent with accepted animal welfare standards. Adequate teaching, laboratory, research, and clinical equipment must be available for examination, diagnosis, and treatment of all animals used by the college. ~~Safety of personnel and animals must be assured.~~

#### **Rational for the proposed revision to Standard 3, Physical Facilities and Equipment:**

This change is proposed to emphasize that safety for personnel and animals is important.