

## **School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania**

### Notes from the Tour

1. We began in the lobby at the Hill Pavilion
  - a. Being a resident in New Jersey and getting into an out-of-state veterinary school was discussed
    - i. He said although there are no longer any UPenn contract seats with New Jersey, the state with the second most number of admitted students at Upenn (other than Pennsylvania) is New Jersey. He reiterated that we should not lose hope.
  - b. The Hill Pavilion is a brand new building (<3 years old) that contains two lecture halls, lots of small meeting rooms, a library, a common lounge, labs, and more.
2. We then proceeded to Old Quad (Old Vet)
  - a. About the building
    - i. Established in 1912 and is the oldest building on the veterinary campus.
    - ii. the anatomy lab and some research facilities
    - iii. The former fecal lot (in the center of all the quads) has been renovated into a student gathering area and future plans have it as an outdoor lecture hall
  - b. Anatomy Lab
    - i. The entire freshman class was at the anatomy lab (including a Rutgers graduate!) and they were currently working on horse legs.
    - ii. The lab is set-up to cover many different animals (horse, goat, dog, etc.) with focus on one body part at a time. There are lab practicals and a written exam for the class. He let us know that an anatomy class (like our Functional Human Anatomy) would be extremely helpful to take in undergrad.
    - iii. He informed us that generally, students are in classes 9-5 each day, and that although there is a lot of work, it is all to actually help you learn and not just busy work
3. We then proceeded to the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital
  - a. We began in the basement to see the pathology lab
    - i. We saw some second-year students in the lab, as pathology is a required course (not an elective).
    - ii. Dr. Van Winkle, a pathologist and associate dean, talked to us about many of the things that were going on
      1. The students were currently covering the cardiovascular system, so they were working on hearts. There were three different tables, each with