

## **Itinerary for Dr. Chad Brown Finalist for Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine**

### **Sunday, Feb 15, 2026**

- ~ 1:30 p.m. Arrive in Stillwater. Reservations at the Atherton Hotel, OSU Student Union.
- 2:15 p.m. *Meet J. Malayer in the hotel lobby.*
- 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Facilities tour and discussion of curriculum and research programs, coordinated by Dr. Jerry Malayer, to include:
  - ~ Dr. Jennifer Rudd, McElroy Hall
  - ~ Dr. Kelly Black and Dr. Julia Montgomery, Teaching Hospital
  - ~ Dr. Jeremiah Saliki, Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
  - ~ Dr. Martin Furr, Vet Med Ranch
- 5:45 p.m. *Return to the Atherton Hotel with J. Malayer.*
- 6:20 p.m. *Meet K. Black in the hotel lobby.*
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner with Veterinary Administrative Council\* facilitated by Dr. Kelly Black (Sequoyah Room, 280 Student Union).

### **Monday, Feb 16, 2026**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Academic Affairs Leadership Team\* (Ranchers Club, Student Union). *C. Francisco will escort to Whitehurst.*
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Entry Interview with Dr. Jeanette Mendez, Provost and Senior Vice President (101 Whitehurst). *J. Ritchey will meet and escort to McElroy Hall.*
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Introduction to Dean's Administrative Team\* (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall).
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Discussion Session with Academic and Student Services Teams\* (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall).
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Discussion Session with Outreach and Alumni Relations Teams\* (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall and by Zoom).
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch with SAVMA Executive Board and Class Representatives\* facilitated by Katelynn Parker (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall).

\*Invited individuals are listed in the “Campus Interview Groups” attachment.

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Budget Overview\* (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall and by Zoom).

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Veterinary Faculty Council\* facilitated by Dr. Lyndi Gilliam (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall). *V. Lacombe will escort to the Roger J. Panciera Center.*

3:00 p.m. Break and forum preparation.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Campus Forum: “*Role of a College of Veterinary Medicine in Today’s Changing Landscape*”  
Dr. Jayson Lusk, Search and Screening Committee Chair, will serve as moderator. (Alumni Classroom, Room 148, Roger J. Panciera Education Center and by Zoom).

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/j/97140909212?pwd=JhESyfm6NyfbZ050RlkBcaTqNYBKat.1>  
Meeting ID: 971 4090 9212 | Passcode: 002583  
Reception following in foyer.

5:15 p.m. *D. Weaver will escort to Atherton Hotel.*

6:15 p.m. *Meet M. Smith in hotel lobby.*

6:30 p.m. Dinner with Megan Smith, Senior Director of Development and CVM Team, and OVMA and Alumni Representatives (Location TBD). *M. Smith will escort to the Atherton Hotel lobby following dinner.*

### **Tuesday, Feb 17, 2026**

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Dr. Jim Hess, President (Ranchers Club, Student Union).

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with OSU Foundation Leadership Team\* (Ranchers Club, Student Union). *D. Weaver will meet and escort to Whitehurst.*

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Council of Deans\* facilitated by Dr. Jayson Lusk (Conference Room, 106B Whitehurst and by Zoom). *D. Weaver will escort to McElroy Hall.*

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Discussion Session with Department Heads\* facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Rudd (Alumni Conference Room, 115 McElroy Hall). *J. Montgomery will escort to the Teaching Hospital.*

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Research Focused Discussion Session with Faculty facilitated by Dr. Lyndi Gilliam (Room 002C, Teaching Hospital).

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11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Clinical and Educational Focused Discussion Session with Faculty facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Rudd (Room 002C, Teaching Hospital). *J. Rudd will escort to the Academic Center.*

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch with the Search and Screening Committee\* facilitated by Dr. Jayson Lusk (Conference Room, 110 Academic Center and by Zoom). *D. Weaver will escort to Whitehurst.*

1:15 – 1:45 p.m. Exit Interview with Dr. Jeanette Mendez, Provost and Senior Vice President (101 Whitehurst). *D. Weaver will escort to the Atherton Hotel.*

2:00 p.m. Atherton Hotel check out. (*Late check will be requested*)

\*\* Please contact [denise.weaver@okstate.edu](mailto:denise.weaver@okstate.edu) if questions arise regarding this schedule. \*\*

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**Campus Interview Groups**  
**Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Spring 2026**

***Veterinary Administrative Council (Dinner)***

**Dr. Kelly Black**, Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and Clinical Assistant Professor  
**Dr. Jefferson Frisbee**, Department Head, Physiological Sciences, and Professor,  
Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. Martin Furr**, Assistant Dean, Administration, and Professor, Physiological Sciences  
**Kristi Howey**, Director, Business Operations  
**Dr. Véronique Lacombe**, Chair, Veterinary Faculty Council and Professor,  
Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. Jerry Malayer**, Senior Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Education, and  
Professor, Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. Julia Montgomery**, Department Head, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and  
Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Theresa Rizzi**, Department Head, Veterinary Pathobiology, and Clinical Professor,  
Pathobiology  
**Dr. Jennifer Rudd**, Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, and  
Assistant Professor, Pathobiology  
**Dr. Jerry Saliki**, Director, Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, and  
Professor, Pathobiology

***Academic Affairs Leadership Team (Breakfast)***

**Dr. Shannon Baker**, Associate Provost for Student Success and  
Teaching Professor, History  
**Dr. Christopher “Chris” Francisco**, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and  
Professor, Mathematics  
**Dr. Christine “Chris” Ormsbee**, Vice Provost of Online Programs, Director of the Institute  
for Teaching and Learning Excellence and Professor, Teaching, Learning  
and Educational Sciences  
**Becky Taylor**, Assistant Vice President, Provost’s Priorities and Strategic Initiatives  
**Dr. Ronna Vanderslice**, Vice Provost, OSU System Academic Affairs and Provost, OSU-  
Institute of Technology and OSU-Oklahoma City

***Dean’s Administrative Team***

**Deborah Shields**, Administrative Assistant to the Dean  
**Melissa Willis**, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean  
**Jeremy Douthit**, Manager, Facilities Services  
**Merry Bryson**, Manager, IT Software Services  
**Jami Mattox**, Associate Director, Marketing and Communications  
**Kinsey Reed**, Coordinator, Marketing and Communications

***Academic and Student Services Teams***

**Dr. Jennifer Rudd**, Interim Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs, and  
Assistant Professor, Pathobiology

**Dr. Brandy Close**, Director, Curriculum and Educational Support, and Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Anna Teague**, Manager, Student Services  
**Dan Thompson**, Assistant Director, Instructional Design and Faculty Development  
**Robin Wilson**, Director, Student Academic Services

### ***Outreach and Alumni Relations Teams***

**Dr. Rosslyn Biggs**, Director of Continuing Education and Beef Cattle Extension Specialist; Director, Rural Veterinary Center; and Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Andrea Brown**, Events Specialist  
**Jenny Capron**, Alumni Relations  
**Christine Nichols**, Assistant Director, Outreach

### ***SAVMA and Class Representatives (Lunch)***

#### **SAVMA Executive Board Members**

**Jade Wilkinson**, President, Class of 2027  
**Grace Miller**, President Elect, Class of 2028  
**Sydney Veldhuizen**, Vice President, Class of 2027

#### **Class Representatives**

*Class of 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Year*

**Katelynn Parker**, President, and Member, Search and Screening Committee  
**Ryan Carson**, Vice President  
*Class of 2027 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year*  
**James Grein**, President  
**Wyatt Weber**, Vice President  
*Class of 2028 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year*  
**Helen Hunter**, President  
**Alexis Schier**, Vice President  
*Class of 2029 – 1<sup>st</sup> Year*  
**Rayne Cranford**, President  
**Cade Harris**, Vice President

### ***Budget Overview with Veterinary Medicine Authority and Trust Representatives***

**Kristi Howey**, Director, Business Operations  
**Dr. Jeff Stroup**, Provost and Senior Vice President, OSU Center for Health Sciences; Chief Executive Officer, OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority; Chief Operating Officer, OSU Medical Authority; and Professor, Internal Medicine

### ***Veterinary Faculty Council***

**Dr. Véronique Lacombe**, Chair, Faculty Council, and Professor, Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. Melanie Boileau**, Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Leticia Fanucchi**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Reed Holyoak**, Professor, Clinical Sciences

**Dr. Sudhakar Jha**, Associate Professor, Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. A.J. Manship**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Akhilesh Ramachandran**, Professor, Pathobiology  
**Dr. Mike Schoonover**, Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Jared Taylor**, Professor, Pathobiology

***OSU Foundation Leadership (Breakfast)***  
**Blaire Atkinson**, President  
**Ty Ropp**, Vice President for Development

***Council of Deans***

**Dr. Dennis Blankenship**, Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Clinical Professor, Emergency Medicine  
**Dr. Melinda Cro**, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor, Languages and Literature  
**Dr. Craig Freeman**, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Professional Studies, OSU-Tulsa, and Professor, Media and Strategic Communications  
**Dr. Keith Garbutt**, Dean, Honors College, and Professor, Integrative Biology  
**Dr. Hanchen Huang**, Dean, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, and Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
**Sheila Johnson**, Dean, Libraries, and Professor  
**Dr. Randy Kluver**, Associate Provost and Dean, OSU Global / School of Global Studies, and Professor, Media and Strategic Communications  
**Dr. Jayson Lusk**, Vice President, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Dean, Ferguson College of Agriculture; Professor, Agricultural Economics; and Chair, CVM Search and Screening Committee  
**Dr. Melanie Morgan**, Dean, Graduate College, and Professor, Media and Strategic Communications  
**Dr. James Payne**, Dean, Spears School of Business, and Professor, Economics  
**Dr. Jon Pedersen**, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences, and Professor, Teaching, Learning and Educational Sciences  
**Dr. Jeff Stroup**, Provost and Senior Vice President, OSU Center for Health Sciences; Chief Executive Officer, OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority; Chief Operating Officer, OSU Medical Authority; and Professor, Internal Medicine

***Department Heads***

**Dr. Jefferson Frisbee**, Department Head, Physiological Sciences, and Professor, Physiological Sciences  
**Dr. Julia Montgomery**, Department Head, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and Professor, Clinical Sciences  
**Dr. Theresa Rizzi**, Department Head, Veterinary Pathobiology, and Clinical Professor, Pathobiology

***Search and Screening Committee (Lunch)***

**Dr. Jayson Lusk**, Vice President, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Dean, Ferguson College of Agriculture; Professor, Agricultural Economics; and Chair, Search and Screening Committee

**Blayne Arthur**, President, State Board of Agriculture, and Member,  
OSU/A&M Board of Regents

**Dr. Alvin Baumwart**, Vet Med Alumnus, Owner, Highland Veterinary Clinic,  
Arapaho, Oklahoma

**Dr. Kelly Black**, Director, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, and  
Clinical Assistant Professor

**Dr. Lyndi Gilliam**, Professor of Equine Internal Medicine, Clinical Sciences

**Joe Hall**, CEAT Alumnus, Member of the OSU Vet Med Authority, CEO of Joe D. Hall  
General Contractors, LLC, and Member, OSU/A&M Board of Regents

**Jimmy Harrel**, Ag Alumnus, Rancher/Banker, and Member, OSU/A&M Board of Regents

**Dr. Trey Kraft**, President, Board of Directors, CVM Alumni Society and Mixed Animal  
Practitioner, Animal Health Center, Paris, Texas

**Gail Muncrief**, Education Alumna, Educator, and Nonprofit Leader representing the  
Agriculture Community and Producers

**Katelynn Parker**, Student Representative, Class of 2026, Adair, Oklahoma

**Dr. Jennifer Rudd**, Interim Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs, and Assistant  
Professor, Pathobiology

**Denise Weaver**, Committee Assistant