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When Dr. Mary Bryant, V’95 (pictured above, at center), began her role as Executive Director of the Office of Students last May, she embarked on a team-building exercise with her staff. One of the ideas that emerged from this activity was to rename the office as “the Office for Students.” “Our office is here to serve the students,” said Bryant. “One of our primary goals is to oversee their welfare and needs during their years on campus. It seemed fitting to adjust our name accordingly.”

And the change has gone far beyond a simple name alteration. Under Bryant’s leadership, the Office for Students has hired three new employees to serve as student advocates.

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Dr. Dana Lehman

As part of the University’s ongoing efforts to address mental health and wellness, Dr. Dana Lehman of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is now providing counseling services to students at Penn Vet.

Lehman is stationed on-site at the School several hours each week in the evening to accommodate student clinical schedules. If this special pilot program is successful, CAPS hopes to expand such services to other graduate schools in the future.

“Student mental health is an area of growing concern, and I’m thrilled that Penn Vet is taking the issue so seriously,” said Lehman. “Being at Penn Vet allows students immediate access to services they might not be able to utilize otherwise. I’m excited to be part of the Penn Vet community, and of this innovative program.”

Lehman is a graduate of the clinical psychology program at Widener University. She is the former director of the Eating Disorder Day Treatment Program at the Belmont Center for Comprehensive Treatment and maintains a private practice in Center City Philadelphia.
Penn Vet announces the appointment of Caroline Fribourg Rosen to its Board of Overseers. Overseer boards serve as bridges between Penn’s schools and centers and the community beyond campus boundaries. The President, Provost, and Board of Trustees rely heavily on these boards to help inform the work of the schools and centers.

“I am delighted to welcome Caroline to Penn Vet’s Board of Overseers,” said Penn Vet Dean Joan Hendricks. “Caroline’s background and insight into students’ educational needs will be a welcome addition to the Board’s diverse expertise.”

**Penn Vet Welcomes New Overseer**

Nichole Moore, Associate Director of Financial Aid

As Associate Director of Financial Aid, Nichole Moore advises prospective and current students and their families on ways to make a Penn Vet education financially manageable, while also overseeing billing accounts and financial assistance programs.

Moore has worked at the University of Pennsylvania for 26 years in Student Financial Services, helping students and their families with billing, financial aid, and loans. She also was responsible for reviewing financial aid applications for need-based university and federal aid funding.

“I am thrilled to bring my knowledge of Penn’s financial aid programs to Penn Vet,” Moore said. “My goal is to ensure that a Penn Vet education is not out of reach for those who are interested.”

When she’s not working at Penn Vet, Moore graciously shares her expertise with others. She volunteers at a West Philadelphia community development center, where she hosts FAFSA completion nights and gives presentations about the financial aid process.

Mike O’Brien, Academic Manager

Mike O’Brien joins Penn Vet as Academic Manager, responsible for key aspects of the School’s curriculum including enrollment and grading. In addition, he schedules all classes and laboratories and maintains student transcripts and class rankings.

Before joining Penn Vet, O’Brien served as Program Assistant in the Office of Winter & Summer Sessions at Rowan University. There, he worked closely with the Office’s executive director to plan and implement student events and programs leading up to and taking place over the summer term.

Beyond working in higher education, O’Brien also has held positions in IT support and still has a penchant for technology. In addition, he is quite skilled at generating school spirit, having served as Scarlet Raptor—the mascot of Rutgers University in Camden.

“Throughout my career—whether as a Peer Mentor, IT Consultant, or Program Assistant—I have always enjoyed supporting students,” O’Brien said. “I look forward to getting to know the students of Penn Vet and working to make their years here as seamless and enjoyable as possible.”

Caroline Fribourg Rosen

Caroline Fribourg Rosen is founder of Your Child in Focus, an educational consulting company that counsels parents on selecting the right schools for their children in New York City. Rosen worked at a number of New York City independent schools, counseling students and advising administrators and faculty on children’s learning styles and needs. She was school counselor, head of pupil services, and assistant head of the middle school at The Nightingale-Bamford School, where she later served on the Board of Trustees. She graduated with a degree in psychology and French literature from Wellesley College in 1982 and received her MA and MEd in psychological counseling from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1989. Rosen also conducted post-graduate work at the Ackerman Institute for the Family and was a facilitator for Parents in Action. She and her husband have raised two children in New York City.

Rosen’s daughter started at Penn Vet in August, and her family has longstanding ties to the University of Pennsylvania. Her husband received his MBA from the Wharton School. In addition, her father was one of the founding members of the Board of Governors of the Joseph H. Lauder Institute for Management & International Studies, and her brother was Chairman of the Board of the Lauder Institute.