Fourth year focus paths are chosen by July 1st in the summer between second and third year of the veterinary curriculum. General Focus path, Small Animal Focus path, and Large Animal focus path can be chosen without meeting with the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs (ADSAA). The Non-traditional Focus Path can ONLY be elected following approval by the ADSAA. Students wishing to choose the Non-traditional Focus Path must submit a written plan for their elective and preceptorship credits and meet with the ADSAA to discuss their plan prior to the July 1st deadline.

Changes can be made to the focus paths up until October 1 in the third year. Students are NOT allowed to make changes to their focus path election after October 1 of their third year. Exceptions to this rule will ONLY be considered if there are extenuating circumstances (e.g. medical, emergency) and must be approved by the Student Progress Committee (SPC). The SPC will consider the merit of the reason for the change as well as required coverage of the respective rotations affected by the change. No exceptions will be allowed after Block 1 of the fourth year.

This policy was proposed by the Student Progress Committee and approved by the Faculty on September 18, 2018.

Approved: ___________________________ Date: 9/20/2018

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