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Dear students,

one of the student's rights is the right to take a break. Every student who attends classes during the night shift has this right.

Regarding the use of the break, there are some specifics, considering the type of activity performed at the Faculty's clinics (the special nature of the work sometimes does not allow interruption). For example, a student cannot decide in the middle of resuscitating an emergency patient or when taking care of a patient to take a break without having a substitute or telling the teacher about it. A student who stays at the clinic during night classes for at least four and a half hours has the right to continuously take a break of at least thirty minutes. Considering the unpredictability of the number of patients and the scope of providing veterinary care to newly admitted and hospitalized patients during the night, the teacher on duty, in agreement with the student, determines the break time for an individual student. The student, considering the scope of work, has the right to request a break if he needs it. Furthermore, the student must report to the teacher on duty if he/she leaves the Faculty campus ground during the break. Of course, he/she must not wear work clothes (scrub and protective lab coats) but must change into non-work clothes.

The teacher, on the other hand, is obliged to inform the students that there is a place for rest during night classes and to recommend that they freely use it for their rest. The teacher can recommend that students stay on the Faculty campus grounds during the break. Nevertheless, we must not ignore the fact that our students are adults. They are responsible for their actions if they leave the Faculty campus ground during night or day classes.

I am available for any additional questions. You can always submit suggestions for improvement to my mail: mpecin@vef.unizg.hr or to the head of the Clinic Department, Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Mirna Brkljačić.

Best regards,

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