## **Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine, Aruba** *Candidacy*

## July 2024 Update

The 2024 Progress Report from Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to the CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 22-23, 2024. The Board accepted the Report and took note of the letter from the Government of Aruba verifying its legitimacy to operate in that jurisdiction. It was further noted that on the Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine website the School is described as being a candidate for <u>full accreditation</u>, which is not an accurate representation of the facts and should be amended to read "provisional accreditation" (only schools with a cohort of graduates are eligible for full accreditation). The Board extends an invitation to the Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine to begin preparations for a site visit to assess it for Provisional Accreditation.

## July 2023 Determination: Candidacy

The 2023 application for Candidacy from Xavier University School of Veterinary Medicine was presented to CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 19-20, 2023. The Authority, having considered and accepted the application, agreed to grant the school Candidacy, with the proviso that the following areas be addressed:

- 1. A description of the number and types of faculty needed for the programme
- 2. Specific evidence of appointment of a Dean
- 3. Evidence to support the formation of a School of Veterinary Medicine by the Government of Aruba, to clearly differentiate itself from the School of Medicine.

CAAM-HP advises that a visit to the site will be required and also cautions that if the School admits students prior to certification, then Candidacy will no longer be applicable and the School will then be required to apply for Provisional Accreditation. CAAM-HP expects the School to report further progress with its development as well as efforts to address the areas of concern.