


UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE

TO: Ms. Ivona Jukic, Grants Manager, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

FROM: Sharon A. Meyer, Ph.D.
Chair, IACUC



SUBJECT: Semiannual Evaluation of Animal Care and Use Program and Inspection of Facilities

DATE: May 21, 2012

This represents the semiannual report of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to the Institutional Official, as required by the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, as a condition of this institution's Animal Welfare Assurance with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), and the Animal Welfare Act and USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, as applicable.

Review of Animal Care and Use Program

The IACUC conducted its semiannual evaluation of the institution's animal care and use program on April 16, 2012 using the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, and as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. No significant deficiencies were identified. All aspects of the program are consistent with applicable Animal Welfare Regulations.

Aspects of the program needing action to comply with PHS Policy, as required by recent OLAW adoption of the 8th edition of the *Guide*, were identified. [Note: OLAW instructs that the Jan 2013 annual report will document an institutional plan for implementation of new program requirements of the 8th edition of Guide.] These actions were: 1) Institutional provision of training for IACUC and researchers/graduate students (see below) and 2) preparation of Standard Operating Procedures for a) Disaster Planning, b) Investigating and reporting animal welfare concerns, c) Veterinary care and procedures to include reporting of injury, illness, disease; veterinary assessment; and euthanasia, and d) Facilities Inspection. Mr. Coty Lee, Asst. Vivarium Director, is the individual responsible for performing these actions. Mr. Lee will be advised by the IACUC chair.

To meet IACUC member training provisions in section H of PHS assurance A-3641-01, the IACUC concurred with the Chair's previous action, i.e., IACUC Chair requested by 4/12/12 email that OSPR grants manager (Ivona Jukic) make **CITI training available as follows:**

IACUC members, as soon as possible:

Basic Course - "Essentials for IACUC Members"

Specialized Courses -

1. "Post-Procedure Care of Mice and Rats in Research: Reducing Pain and Distress"
2. "Working with Mice in Research Settings"
3. "Working with Rats in Research Settings"

Researchers and graduate students and Vivarium staff, preferably this summer.

Basic Course - "Working with the IACUC" for Investigator, Students and staff"

Specialized Courses -

1. "Post-Procedure Care of Mice and Rats in Research: Reducing Pain and Distress"
2. "Working with Mice in Research Settings"
3. "Working with Rats in Research Settings"

Changes in the program were the resignation of non-affiliated, non-scientist member Dr. Joe Maggio and addition of Mr. Steve Tolson.

Five new and one renewal animal welfare assurance proposals were evaluated and approved by full committee (FCR). One proposal had previously received designated member review (DMR). There are currently 43 protocols in effect. An audit of all active protocols will take place prior to the semiannual meeting in October, 2012.

Inspection of Animal Facilities

The IACUC inspected the Bienville animal facilities on April 16, 2012 using the 8th ed. of *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, and as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. Facility inspection was aided by use of the OLAW checklist.

All surgical suites were observed and found acceptable.

One minor deficiency, i.e., the occupational safety issue reported in the December 13, 2011 memo to your office, was noted. This is the ergonomic issue requiring lifting of a 33-gal drum of liquid over the pipes to the cage washer. The facilities manager indicates that difficulties in identifying a contractor to build a ramp over the pipes have caused delay and an alternative, i.e., rerouting of the pipes, has been implemented since the facilities inspection by the IACUC.

Departures from the Guide

No departures from the *Guide*, 7th ed., have been reviewed and approved by the IACUC.

Minority Views:

No minority views were offered in objection or to modify this report.

Signatures:

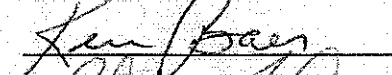
Names of IACUC members

Signatures

Dr. Sharon A. Meyer, Chair



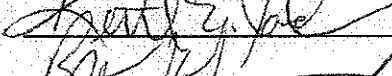
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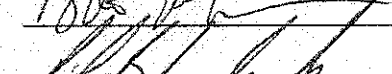
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