

Annual Report to OLAW

Institution: University of Houston
Assurance Number: A3136-01
Reporting Period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

This institution's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), through the Institutional Official, provides this annual report to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).

I. Program Changes

- ☐ A. There have been **no changes** in this institution's program for animal care and use as described in the Assurance.
- ☒ B. Change(s) in this institution's program for animal care and use as described in the Assurance have occurred during this reporting period. (FAQ 6)

Select all that apply:

- ☐ This institution's AAALAC accreditation status has changed (PHS Policy IV.A.2.).
- ☐ AAALAC Accredited - Category 1
- ☐ Non-Accredited - Category 2
- ☒ This institution's program for animal care and use has changed (PHS Policy IV.A.1.a-i.).
- ** A full description of the changes is attached*
- ☐ The individual designated by this institution as the Institutional Official has changed.
- ☒ The membership of this institution's IACUC has changed.
- ** A full description of the changes is attached*

II. Semiannual Evaluations

This IACUC has conducted semiannual evaluations of the institution's program and inspections of the institution's facilities (including satellite facilities) on the dates below. Reports of the evaluations and inspections have been submitted to the Institutional Official. The reports include any IACUC-approved departures from the *Guide* with a reason for each departure, any deficiencies (significant or minor) that were identified, and a plan and schedule for correction of each deficiency.

A. Program Evaluations

Date 1: March 18, 2019	Date 2: September 30, 2019
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B. Facility Inspections

Date 1: March 4-7, 2019	Date 2: September 18-26, 2019
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III. Minority Views

- ☒ A. There were **no minority** views during this reporting cycle.
- ☐ B. Any minority views submitted by members of the IACUC regarding reports filed under PHS Policy IV.F. for this reporting cycle are attached.

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IV. Signatures

IACUC Chairperson	Institutional Official
Name: Laura Frishman, Ph.D	Name: Amr Elnashai, FREng
(b) (6)	(b) (6)
Signature:	Signature:
Date: 01/09/2020	Date: 1/9/2020

V. Change in Institutional Official

Name: No Changes	
Title:	Degree/Credential:
Name of Institution:	
Address:	
E-mail:	
Phone:	Fax:

VI. Change in IACUC Membership [Current roster]

Institution:	
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IACUC Chairperson	
Name: Laura Frishman, Ph.D	
Title: Moores Professor, Associate Dean	Degree/Credentials: Ph.D.
PHS Policy Membership Requirements***:	
IACUC Roster	

Name of Member/ Code*	Degree/ Credential	Position Title/ Occupational Background**	PHS Policy Membership Requirements***
#1 Laura Frishman	Ph.D.	Moore Professor, Associate Dean, Optometry	IACUC Chair Scientist
(b) (6)			Vice Chair, Scientist
			Scientist
			Veterinarian
#5 David Brammer	D.V.M., D.A.C.L.A.M.	Attending Veterinarian, Animal Care Operations	Attending Veterinarian (direct program authority)
(b) (6)			Scientist
			Member
			Nonaffiliated
			Scientist
			Nonaffiliated/Nonscientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
(b) (6)			Alternate Scientist
			Alternate Member
			Alternate Scientist
			Alternate Member
			Alternate Scientist
			Alternate Scientist
			Alternate Scientist
			Alternate Scientist
All members are appointed by the CEO (or individual with specific written delegation to appoint members) and must be voting members. Alternate members are so identified.			

* Names of members, other than the chairperson and veterinarian, may be represented by a number or symbol in this report to OLAW. Sufficient information to determine that all appointees are appropriately qualified must be provided and the identity of each member must be readily ascertainable by the Institution and available to authorized OLAW or other PHS representatives upon request.

** List specific position titles for all members, including nonaffiliated (e.g., banker, teacher, volunteer fireman; not "community member" or "retired").

*** PHS Policy Membership Requirements:

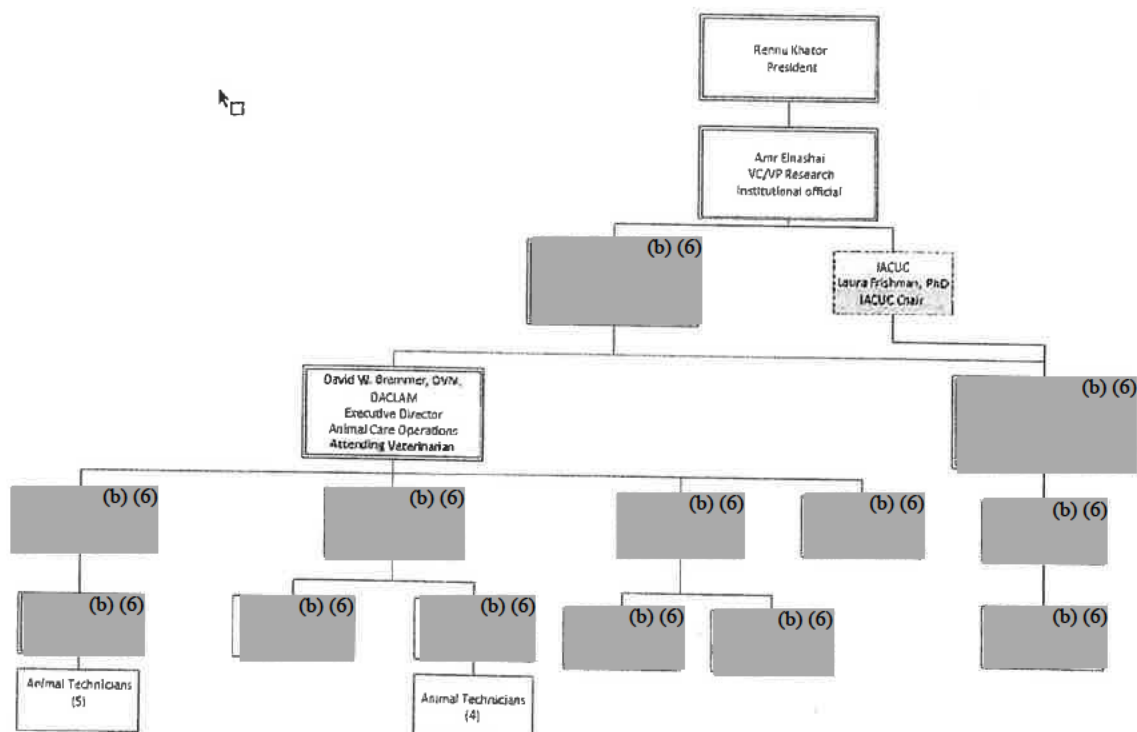
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| <i>Veterinarian</i> | Veterinarian with training or experience in laboratory animal science and medicine or in the use of the species at the institution, who has direct or delegated program authority and responsibility for activities involving animals at the institution. |
| <i>Scientist</i> | Practicing scientist experienced in research involving animals. |
| <i>Nonscientist</i> | Member whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area (for example, ethicist, lawyer, member of the clergy). |
| <i>Nonaffiliated</i> | Individual who is not affiliated with the institution in any way other than as a member of the IACUC, and is not a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution. This member is expected to represent general community interests in the proper care and use of animals and should not be a laboratory animal user. A consulting veterinarian may not be considered nonaffiliated. |

I. B. Program Changes

Updated Organizational Structure

Section III. Institutional Program for Animal Care and Use

- A. The lines of authority and responsibility for administering the program and ensuring compliance with this Policy are as follows:



Notes:

1. The President has delegated the authority to appoint the members of the IACUC to the IO, Dr. Elnashai. This delegation of authority is specific and is in writing.
2. There are open and direct lines of communication between the Institutional Official (IO) and the IACUC Chair and between the IO and the Attending Veterinarian.
3. IACUC members may communicate with the IO at any time: directly, through the Chair, or through the IACUC office.

Additional Programmatic Changes

1. As previously reported, the Texas Medical Center (TMC) building, where animals were previously housed and used, remains closed. It has been determined that this facility will not re-open. The Science and Research 2 (SR2) Animal Care Operations (ACO) basement facility also remains closed, with the exception of one room that was approved by the IACUC to house *Xenopus* frogs. The university continues to prepare for a return to housing other species at SR2, as it did pre-hurricane Harvey; however, significant facility renovation is required. The IACUC will perform full inspections of these facilities once they are deemed ready for research animals to be moved back into these buildings. All rodents and USDA-covered species currently remain housed at the Health and Biomedical Science 1 (Health1) building.