

Annual Report to OLAW

Institution: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Assurance Number: A-4730-01
Reporting Period: January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

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.

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.](#)).
- ☐ The individual designated by this institution as the Institutional Official has changed.
- ☒ The membership of this institution's IACUC has changed.

*****The University does not have NASA funding supporting animal research and the University does not utilize the International Space Station for animal research.*****

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: June 03, 2020	Date 2:
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B. Facility Inspections

Date 1: May 29, 2020	Date 2:
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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.

IV. Signatures

IACUC Chairperson	Institutional Official
Name: Dr. Christopher Vitek	Name: Dr. Parwinder Grewal
Signature:  (b) (6)	Signature:  (b) (6)
Date: Nov 11, 2020	Date: 11/18/2020

V. Change in Institutional Official

Name: N/A	
Title:	Degree/Credentials:
Name of Institution:	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:	

VI. Change in IACUC Membership

Institution: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley			
IACUC Contact Information			
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IACUC Chairperson			
Name: Dr. Christopher Vitek			
Title: Chair		Degree/Credentials: Ph.D.	
PHS Policy Membership Requirements***: Scientist and Chair			
IACUC Roster			
Name of Member/ Code*	Degree/ Credentials	Position Title/ Occupational Background**	PHS Policy Membership Requirements***
Dr. Christopher Vitek	Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Biology	Chair of IACUC, Scientist, Voting Member
Dr. Sander Hacker	V.M.D., DACLAM	Veterinarian	Attending Veterinarian, Voting Member
(b) (6)			Alternate Veterinarian (non- voting if the AV is present at convened meeting, voting if the AV is not present at convened meeting)
			Scientist, Voting Member
			Scientist, Voting Member
			Scientist, Voting Member
			Scientist, Voting Member
			Scientist, Voting Member
			Non-scientist, Voting Member

(b) (6)			Non-Scientist, Non-Affiliated, Voting Member
*Ms. Cordelia Rasa	M.S., S.R.S., R.L.A.T.G., CMAR	Director, Lab Animal Resources	Scientist, Ex-Officio, Voting Member
*Dr. Richard Costello	Ph.D., C.S.P., C.H.M.M., R.P.T.	Director, EHSRM	Non-Scientist, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting
(b) (6)			Non-Scientist, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting
			Non-Scientist, Ex-Officio, Non-Voting

* 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:

<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 (e.g., 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 or former user. A consulting veterinarian may not be considered nonaffiliated.

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