

Memorandum to Michelle Pyfferoen, Dean of Career and Technical Education

From: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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

Date: November 24, 2020

This represents the semiannual report of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), as required by USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, 9 CFR Chapter I, subchapter A, as applicable.

Evaluation of the Animal Care and Use Program

The IACUC conducted its semiannual evaluation of the institution's animal care and use program on November 24, 2020, using the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, and, as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31.

The following protocols and SOPs were sent to each member via email prior to the meeting for the yearly review. The protocols were approved for another year. We will be requesting changes to VT 2620 Applied Diagnostic Imaging.

- VT 2250 Large Animal Procedures – all species
- VT 1610 Fundamentals of Imaging
- VT 2620 Applied Diagnostic Imaging
- VT 2620 sedation protocol
- VT 2270 Laboratory Animal Care – all species
- All SOPs

Marcia had a concern about disposal the expired drugs on the SOP. We will change the wording to include the expired drugs are disposed of according to MDH and OSHA guidelines.

We are also removing the dog room and cat room SOPs since they no longer pertain to RCTC.

VT 2620 Applied Diagnostic Imaging still has ultrasound samples listed but no procedure to go with it. The IACUC is requesting changes to be submitted before the next meeting.

Paws & Claws MOU had been sent to June Meitzner for review and signatures. June would not okay the MOU at this time since it is valid through summer of 2021. Will resubmit in spring 2021 for approval and signatures.

To Cathy's knowledge there has not been any more contact from the New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS.org) who requested and was sent IACUC information. No one on the committee has had any contact from the organization either. Cathy spoke with Dr. Sime and due to COVID restrictions nationwide the annual report deadline has been extended until December 31, 2020 and it is urged to submit online. Dr. Sime sent the e-filing information, Cathy will get it submitted. Since we are no longer registered with the USDA, we do not need to report any numbers, but we still need to file the annual report. This will also prevent any further animal rights organizations from requesting information.

Cathy has been requesting new large animal MOUs from the PI of the class for 2 years and has not received any. Will refer the issue to Michelle Pyfferoen, IO.

Inspection of Animal Facilities

The IACUC did not inspect the animal facilities on November 24, 2020 due to the campus being closed with Covid -19 restrictions.

The facility consists of:

- Classroom H1448 which includes surgery room and pharmacy along with 4 treatment tables and tub, kennel room.
- Classroom H1448A which is the actual surgery room.
- Classroom H1442, which consists of microscopes, centrifuges, hematology and chemistry analyzers, sink and refrigerator.
- Classroom H1438- 1438A, which consists of a smaller room with radiology equipment. Tables with chairs, 2 deep sinks (1 stainless steel, 1 another material), mock pharmacy and storage.
- Classroom H1438 C.1: consists of mock radiology equipment, dental radiography and large stainless-steel cage
- Classroom H1438 C: darkroom for radiograph developing

Minority Views

There were no minority views

Signatures

Names of IACUC Members:

Signatures

Cathy DesLauriers, CVT, Chair

Dr. Kim Rowley, DVM

Theresa Iverson, CVT

Marcia Marcoux
