

**INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Zoom Teleconference**  
**July 21, 2021**  
**2:00pm**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Karen Jones  
Dr. Lydia Arbogast  
Ms. Liz Gersbacher  
Dr. Agustín Jiménez  
Dr. Jim Lovvorn  
Dr. Ami Ruffing  
Dr. Nancy Henry  
Ms. Debbie Simpson  
Dr. David Coulter

**VISITORS**

Dr. Jennifer Harris – Meeting Minutes  
Ms. Carolyn Skouby

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm by welcoming everyone to the meeting. She then shared that there had been an injury to a mare at the farms that led to a police report and increased security measures.

Dr. Jones also informed the committee that the program description had been turned in to AAALAC in preparation for their regular inspection this fall.

**REPORT OF ANIMAL ILLNESSES/ISSUES – DR. HENRY**

Dr. Henry reported that she had been asked to evaluate a lump on a juvenile naked mole rat that had been discovered during microchipping. Dr. Henry performed a fine needle aspirate and determined it to be a lipoma with no evidence of trauma or infection. The naked mole rat was returned to its colony and an official report had been sent to the LAP administrative office, the IACUC administrative office, and the investigator.

[Arrival of Dr. Jimenez]

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2021**

Dr. Jones asked for comments on or corrections of the June meeting minutes.

Dr. Arbogast requested to file an official minority view (appended to this document) to the general consensus recorded at the June meeting about IACUC approval of cephalopod research. She then explained that AAALAC has a [guidance document](#) on the topic and that numerous other institutions have chosen to include cephalopod research despite them not being covered by regulation. The topic was then discussed again among the committee. The point was raised that, despite cephalopods not being covered by either regulatory agency, the SIUC IACUC tends to follow the recommendations of AAALAC as the organization that melds the two regulatory bodies.

Has AAALAC come forth with an official statement of position? It was also suggested that we reconsider our stance on cephalopod research based on the requirements of European journals that require oversight for this class of animals.

No corrections were suggested for the minutes of the June meeting.

Ms. Skouby moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Dr. Henry seconded the motion.

Total Voting =9; Vote: For = 8, Opposed = 0, Abstained = 1

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Training**

IACUC members and alternates were reminded that AAALAC inspections are coming and training requirements need to be met if they have not already been.

### **2. Presentation of Eichholz 19-030 Corrective Action Plan**

A brief history of this situation was presented, as well as an explanation of the Corrective Action Plan. It was agreed that there needs to be a deadline for completion of required training, so as to be able to determine noncompliance. The date of the next meeting (August 18) was proposed and agreed upon as a reasonable date for completion.

Dr. Arbogast moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan with the addition of the training completion date. Dr. Lovvorn seconded the motion.

Total Voting =9; Vote: For = 9, Opposed = 0, Abstained = 0.

### **3. Meeting with Dr. Brevik, new dean of College of Agriculture, Life and Physical Sciences**

Dr. Jones had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Brevik and expressed concern about the outstanding Corrective Action Plan for the farms and the lack of an organizational chart. He indicated that he was aware of this issue.

### **4. Discussion of Emergency Approvals**

Due to a recent instance of a faculty member needing an amendment to a protocol on an emergency basis (due to emergency disaster response), the concern was raised that there may need to be a policy or plan put in place to facilitate research that does not involve the usual amount of notice. One possible solution is for the investigator to have an approved protocol that is general enough to allow approval, then quick amendment. It was also noted that this is not a common problem, but could recur for this investigator, as well as others who could be called in response to an emergency or disaster. The committee agreed that the desire is to accommodate, but that more guidance is needed on the subject before a decision can be made.

Ms. Skouby moved to adjourn. Dr. Lovvorn seconded the motion.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.**