

## Annual Report to OLAW

Institution: Texas Tech University
Assurance Number: A3629-01
Reporting Period: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

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.

### 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: October 23, 2020	Date 2: April 19, 2021
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### B. Facility Inspections

Date 1: October 8<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Date 2: April 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### 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: Philip N. Smith	Name: <i>Joseph A. Heppert</i>
Signature:  (b) (6)	Signature:  (b) (6)
Date: 11/10/2021	Date: <i>11/11/2021</i>

### V. Change in Institutional Official

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

## VI. Change in IACUC Membership

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IACUC Roster Oct 2020 – Sept 2021			
Name of Member/ Code*	Degree/ Credentials	Position Title/ Occupational Background**	PHS Policy Membership Requirements***
Phil Smith	PhD	Associate Professor Environmental Toxicology	Chair/Scientist
Tiffanie Brooks	DVM, DACLAM	Attending Veterinarian	Attending Veterinarian
(b) (6)			Vice Chair/Scientist
			Veterinarian
			Member
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Nonscientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Member
			Nonaffiliated
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Scientist – Alternate
			Scientist – Alternate

<div>(b) (6)</div>	Nonscientist - Alternate
	Scientist - Alternate
	Alternate member
	Nonaffiliated – Alternate
	Scientist - Alternate

\* 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.

### Statement of Burden

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## **Changes to the program of animal care and use**

### Designated Member Review change from assurance statement

Our institution is moving to a cloud-based electronic IACUC protocol platform in 2022. This new system will change how both protocols and amendments are submitted and how the DMRs review them. To anticipate these changes, we have made changes in the time to review protocols and amendments for DMRs. All members still have three business days to ask questions, comment or call for full committee review. The change is that all the chair-assigned DMRs, regardless of primary or secondary, as well as the veterinarian now have the same review time of five business days. The IACUC administrative staff will then compile the list of comments to send to the PI. This change is in anticipation of the online system having the review open to all DMRs at once and the IACUC office being the one who will search for duplicates before sending to the PI.

### Addition of new facility

We have added the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) in Amarillo, Texas to our animal program. This new unit will use animals in both research and veterinary teaching. Regulatory oversight falls under the Texas Tech University IACUC office (A3629-01). SVM adheres to all items outlined in the assurance statement; the same protocol review processes, training requirements, and web-based risk assessment and evaluation, but the local occupational medicine provider is Concentra. SVM is included in semi-annual inspections of facilities and program review. The first facilities were approved August 2021, but first semi-annual inspections were conducted outside of this reporting period.