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# **Inspection Report**

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### 2.31(b)(3)(ii)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The IACUC has not had a meeting since October 3, 2016. Currently there is no unaffiliated member on the IACUC. The unaffiliated member left the IACUC in January 2017. The lack of an unaffiliated IACUC member in IACUC meetings and semi-annuals means that there is a lack of general community interest being represented on the committee regarding proper care and treatment of animals at the facility. The IACUC, when conducting business required under the Animal Welfare Act, shall include at least one member unaffiliated with the facility.

Correct by August 20 2017.

### 2.31(b)(4)

### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Currently there are four members of the IACUC that are from the VMT unit. Having four members from this unit and the one other member from the Biology department does not allow for the animal care and usage to be adequately assessed for the university. Having the majority of the IACUC from one department may cause future issues when submitting and approving protocols, because multiple users of that protocol may present at the meeting and potentially could cause quorum issues when voting.

Per this Section of the Regulations, if the Committee consists of more than three members, not more than three shall be from the same administrative unit of the facility. A properly constituted IACUC is important and is required in order to assess a research facility's animal program, animal facilities, and procedures to ensure compliance with the AWA and Regulations

Correct by August 20, 2017.

### 2.31(c)(1)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The IACUC has not been reviewing the facility's program for humane care and use of animals at least once every

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six months. The last facility review was conducted on October 3, 2016, at that time a program review was not completed. Regular reviews are necessary to ensure IACUC oversight of the facility's program for humane care and use of animals. The IACUC shall review the facility's program for humane care and use of animals at least once every six months.

Correct by August 20, 2017.

# 2.31(c)(2)

# INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

An inspection of the facility's animal facilities has not been conducted within the past six months. The most recent inspection was conducted in October 3, 2016. Animal facility inspection by the IACUC ensures optimal animal welfare by identifying, prioritizing, and making plans for correcting areas which may contribute to animal harm or disease. The IACUC must inspect, at least once every six months, all of the facility's animal use areas including housing and study areas.

Correct by: August 20, 2017.

#### 2.31(c)(3)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

IACUC completed facility inspections on October 3, 2016. No completed semi-annual evaluation reports have been sent to the Institutional Official. It is important to involve the Institutional Official in the IACUC's evaluations of the research facility and to inform them of the status of the facility's programs to allow the Institutional Official to follow up on correction of significant deficiencies. This ensures that appropriate authority can be exercised by the Institutional Official when needed to support the facility's continued humane care and use of animals. The IACUC must prepare reports based on the facility program review and inspection, update them every six months, submit them to the Institutional Official in a timely fashion, and have them available for inspection by APHIS officials.

Correct by August 20, 2017.

### 2.33(b)(1)

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

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During the inspection, all six anesthesia machines were found to be past the servicing date. The machines were last serviced in March 2014 and were due to be serviced in March 2015. There were no documented adverse events related to the overdue service date. When alerted that the machines were out of date, the IACUC chair stated machines would be immediately serviced and that the committee would ensure proper servicing dates for all machines are being observed by all study directors and animal care staff. There were also several medications in the "crash box" that were expired. These items were immediately removed from the area by the Laboratory Manager. The last facility review by the IACUC was on October 3, 2016, the lack of semi-annual program and facility reviews may contribute to these items being out of date. The use of expired drugs and anesthesia machines that are past servicing is not consistent with adequate veterinary care. Medications are not guaranteed to be effective and/or safe past their expiration dates. Correct by establishing a program of veterinary care that allows for the availability of appropriate equipment, including medications, to provide adequate veterinary care.

Correct by July 21, 2017.

The inspection was conducted with the Laboratory Manager and the IACUC Chair.

The exit briefing was conducted with the IACUC Chair.

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