

University of Washington
February 17, 2021 IACUC Meeting Minutes

Members Present: AB GS KG MRB
 AC JFI KM MRK
 AP JPVH MB SRH
 CM JS ME TB
 ES

Members Absent: AW
 DM
 JM
 MK

The Floor was opened for public comment at 2:32PM

Opening Business

- The IACUC Chair called the meeting to order at 2:44pm.

Confirmation of a Quorum and Announcement

- Quorum was confirmed by ZR.

Approval of the IACUC Meeting Minutes

- The IACUC Chair called for the approval of the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion was made and seconded: To approve the minutes as written.

Further Discussion: *None.*

Vote: Approved with 17 members voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Attending Veterinarian's Report - TB

- Out of Range Temperatures: None reported
- Adverse Events: None
- I know you are all aware that our animal care personnel have been working hard in person throughout the pandemic to take the best care of our animals as possible, and as an institution, we have expressed our thanks to our animal care personnel. However, personal interactions can make a difference in people's lives, and I would encourage you to express thanks in person if you feel it is appropriate as you are out on site visits.
 - From Arizona
 - Facilities items: *None*

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- Adverse events: *None*

OAW Director's Report – JFI

- Training program updates: There are two new lessons that have been published since last month: “Finding Flooded Cages with Mice or Rats” and “Methods of Identification with Mice and Rats”
- IACUC metrics: The metrics are posted under Supporting Documents in the meeting folder
- 4374-01: On December 30th, health checks were not performed in a lab managed housing space with frogs (*xenopus tropicalis*; housed in a recirculating system). The missed day coincided with the snowstorm in Seattle. The lab's usual contingency plan fell apart, as multiple lab members were not able to safely travel to campus due to the weather or were unable to come to campus due to COVID quarantine. Although no health check was performed, no feeding days were missed (this species of frog is only fed 3 times per week). There was no apparent harm to the animals as a result of this event. This was identified on January 14th during an IACUC site visit.

The PI is deeply apologetic for the oversight, and the group is currently working with their OAW liaison to strengthen their lab's contingency plan to ensure appropriate coverage in the future.

- **This has been reported to OLAW.**
- The PI reached out directly to the IACUC Chair expressing chagrin. Lab members were not able to come in due to snow/ice storm and COVID positive staff. Vet Staff should have been informed so the daily checks could have taken place.
- The Committee discussed whether a Letter of Counsel was appropriate and whether there was an Emergency/Contingency Plan in place. A letter was not deemed necessary.

Standard Operation Procedures / Policies / Guidelines

- Policy for Review – IACUC Protocol Requirements - **AS**
 - Removing requirement for annual review; all protocols will now be reviewed every 3 years – this is the only change.

Motion was made and seconded: To approve the policy as written.

Further Discussion: *None.*

Vote: Approved with 17 members voting in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

- Standard Procedures for Review – **AS**

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- Three Procedures up for Review – Anesthetic Overdose, Pentobarbital or Pentobarbital Solution in Gerbils; Anesthetic Overdose, Pentobarbital or Pentobarbital Solution in Mice; Anesthetic Overdose, Pentobarbital or Pentobarbital Solution in Rats

Motion was made and seconded: To approve the policies as written.

Further Discussion: *None.*

Vote: Approved with 17 members voting in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Other Business

- TB Screening Reminder - **BE**

Call to IACUC members to update their TB screening.

Closing Business:

The Meeting was brought to a close at 2:58pm. The floor was opened to public comment.