

MEMORANDUM

TO: I.A.C.U.C. Committee Members

Dr. Benny L. Blaylock
Dr. Kevin Baer
Dr. Loren Hayes
Mr. Joe Maggio
Dr. Victor Hsia
Dr. Brent White
Mr. Coty Lee, ex officio

FROM: **Dr. Benny L. Blaylock**
Chair, IACUC

SUBJECT: **I.A.C.U.C. Meeting**

DATE: **October 25, 2007**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee met Wednesday, October 25, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Sugar Hall Poison Control Conference Room. Members present were Drs. Blaylock, Baer, White, Hayes, Hsia, Mr. Maggio, and Mr. Lee.

The first order of business was review and discussion of two submitted Animal Use Protocols, both of which were new. The following are the titles and project directors:

1. Glucosylceramide Synthase (GCS) and Drug Resistance in Breast Cancer – Dr. Yong-Yu Liu (start date – 11-1-07)
2. Role of Thyroid Hormone in HSV-1 Infections – Dr. Victor Hsia (start date – delayed)

The committee reviewed these new proposals at the meeting and approved Dr. Liu's proposal. Dr. Hsia's proposal will require Biosafety Level 2 air handling, which is not available in the Sugar Hall vivarium. This type of air handling will be available in the new vivarium at the Bienville building with construction scheduled to start in June, 2008. The committee tentatively approved this request pending completion of the new vivarium with the availability of Biosafety Level 2.

The following renewal was requested and approved at the 10-25-07 meeting:

1. Dr. Seetharama Satyanarayanajois – Modulation of Cell Adhesion via CD2 Protein.

The Committee's last order of business was a walk-through inspection of the Sugar Hall vivarium. The observation was made that the ceiling in 411B had evidence of mold growth due to leakage from the air handling unit. This room is not being used to house animals until repairs are made. The air handling unit leak has been repaired. Mr. Lee had turned in a repair request to ULM Physical Plant several weeks earlier. Dr. Blaylock confirmed with Mr. Eldridge Bennett of the Physical Plant that the repair is scheduled for November 5, 2007. No other problems were observed.

This concluded committee business and the meeting was adjourned.