

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Virginia Eaton, Director, Graduate Studies and Research

FROM: Dr. Benny L. Blaylock
Chair, IACUC

SUBJECT: Semiannual Evaluation of Animal Care and Use Program and Inspection of Facilities

DATE: January 7, 2006

This represents the semiannual report of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), as required by the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory and as a condition of this institution's Animal Welfare Assurance on file with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), and USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, 9 CFR Chapter I, subchapter A, as applicable.

Evaluation of the Animal Care and Use Program

The IACUC conducted its semiannual evaluation of the institution's animal care and use program on November 17, 2005 using the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, and, as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. No specific deficiencies were identified. All aspects of the program are consistent with the *PHS Policy*, the *Guide* and applicable Animal Welfare Regulations. Five animal welfare assurance proposals were evaluated; three were renewals of previously approved protocols and two were new protocols scheduled to start in 2005. There are currently 48 protocols in effect.

Inspection of Animal Facilities

The IACUC inspected the animal facilities on November 17, 2005 using the *Guide*, and, as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. No facilities-related deficiencies were noted by those during the walk-through inspection. It was noted that a new cage washer, new ramp and new floor sealant were installed in the Vivarium from mid-January through mid-February, 2005 and are functioning well.

Minority Views

No minority views were presented at the meeting.

Signatures

Names of IACUC members	Signatures
<u>Dr. Benny L. Blaylock, Chair</u>	_____
<u>Dr. Kevin N. Baer</u>	_____
<u>Dr. Ann Findley</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Joe Maggio</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Steve Tolson</u>	_____
<u>Dr. Brent White</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Coty Lee, ex officio</u>	_____