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Dear Research Faculty, Staff and Students:



Welcome to Fall!

I hope that this letter finds you well in health and spirit. The purpose of reaching out to you at this time is to share updates about our animal facilities and our IACUC/IBC and Animal Care and Use programs.

Reminder of animal per diem increases: As a reminder, please be aware that Marquette will be increasing its animal per diems as of July 1, 2019. I wanted to ensure that you have these projections in advance so that you can prepare your budgets accordingly. Below you will find the projected increases and the effective dates. *These figures may be subject to change.*

Year	Rat	Mouse
July 1, 2019	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.36
July 1, 2020	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.37
July 1, 2021	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.38
July 1, 2022	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.39
July 1, 2023	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.40
July 1, 2024	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.42

ARC Staff Updates: If you have not done so already, please extend a warm Marquette welcome to Victoria Underhill. Victoria is the newest member to the ARC staff. Her role at Marquette as the Animal Care Technician will be vital to the department as we continue to execute the plans within the Animal Resource Center Master Plan project.

Semi-Annual IACUC Facility/Lab Inspection: On Tuesday, October 2, our Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) began its Fall 2018 rounds of semi-annual facility inspections. Inspections will run through the end of October, 2018 and include any animal rooms, surgical suites, support spaces, and areas where procedures are conducted on animals. Although this inspection process is used by the IACUC to ensure that Marquette continues to operate within the policies, standards and guidelines for animal care and use, the IACUC also uses the process as an opportunity to assess the Animal Care and Use Program's strengths and identify areas for continued improvement. These inspections are an important tool for us to actively evaluate, assess, and ensure the humane treatment and responsible use of animals at Marquette University. I thank you in advanced for your active participation in this process and for your commitment to continually strengthen our program.

Animal Resource Center Renovation Project: As many of you know, this project is moving along at a progressive speed. Through a series of collaborative design meetings over the past several months, the project team contributors provided input and building design decisions to develop the projected schematic design. These designs are attached to the e-mail that I had sent with this letter and they incorporate the suggestions and recommendations from these meetings and discussions in order to respond to the master plan goals and advances the approach for continuing the project into design development for construction. In early October, 2018, we held a meeting to discuss the preliminary phasing of construction. It is our goal to have your department Chairs share this information with you, or to schedule a meeting for us to discuss these issues.

I also wanted to thank those of you that attended any of the two vendor demos that we hosted on campus. Both vendors provided us a great deal of information on the individually ventilated rack systems, as well as animal transfer/changing stations. The vendors were impressed by the turnout and the quality of questions that our faculty and staff had for them. With a strong vision of what the projected design will be for our renovation project, the Animal Facility Manager and I will spend time looking into animal husbandry supplies (i.e., caging, cleaning, and washing equipment) for the facility.

As always, I look forward to the continued successful operation of all of our programs and your research efforts here at Marquette University. Whether it is for the Animal Resource Center, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or the Institutional Biosafety Committee, my goal has, and always will be, to provide the highest customer service possible to you and your research team. Thank you again for all the great work and for your continued contributions toward the progress within our facilities that positively affects the betterment of humanity.

Best,



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