

April 4, 2018



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Dear Research Faculty, Staff and Students:

It is my hope that this letter finds you well in spirit and health. As we are starting to think about wrapping up the academic year, I am reaching out to share updates about our animal facilities and our IACUC/IBC and Animal Care and Use programs.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those of you that attended the January 2018 program review and update meeting. I valued the questions and dialogue that we had about revenue generated by the program, Animal Resource Center Master planning, regulatory burden, AAALAC preparation, and the expected animal per diem increase. As we discussed at this meeting, Marquette will be increasing its animal per diems as of July 1, 2019. I want to ensure that you have these projections in advance so that you are able to prepare your budgets accordingly. Below you will find the projected increases and the effective dates.

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

I will continue to schedule and meet with PI's and their animal surgeons in order to update everyone on the newly reviewed IACUC policies and procedures for rodent survival surgery. I have met with many of you over the past several months and appreciate the feedback and conversations that we have had. Over the next several months, you will find new items being introduced into our surgical rooms that will assist surgeons in being compliant with the updated IACUC policies. These items will include:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) carts or mobile cabinets that will contain all the appropriate PPE required to conduct rodent survival surgery;
- Waterless and scrubless surgical hand antiseptic that provides rapid antimicrobial protection for up to six (6) hours of glove wear. This surgical hand antiseptic contains moisturizers and will aid your surgical team combat regrowth of bacteria on their hands and forearms and its ease of use is perfect for those surgical areas where traditional surgical scrub techniques cannot take place; and
- New rodent and cage warmers for surgical and post-surgical maintenance of thermoregulation. The rodent warming system is designed for use before, during, and after surgical procedures to improve surgical outcomes and overall longevity. The

animal care and use program will no longer permit the use of electric heating pads (purchased from retail stores) to maintain animal thermoregulation. Please contact me directly if you need to replace your warming device.

The Program Review sub-committee of the IACUC met in March to review the Animal Care and Use Program and to update the program description in preparation for submission to AAALAC Inc. At this meeting, continuing education for faculty, staff, and students was reviewed and discussed. Unfortunately, it was revealed that not everyone participates in the mandatory one-hour continuing education training requirements set by the IACUC. The IACUC needs to make sure that all research faculty, staff, ARC staff, and undergraduates working with animals are compliant with their mandatory continuing education training. In order to achieve adherence to the policy, the IACUC will not review any protocols (renewals, modifications, or new protocols) from the PI until the training is completed and verified for all staff and students working for the lab. Earning continuing education credits could not be easier! I will refer you to our website <http://www.marquette.edu/orc/animal-care-use/training.shtml> Here you can find information and get updated methods on how you can achieve your continuing education credits.

I am excited to share with you that the Marquette University Board of Trustees has approved a multi-million dollar renovation project for the Animal Resource Center Facilities. Funding is being provided for the completion of the Animal Resource Center Master Plan that was presented by FLAD Architects to Marquette Leadership last summer. The entire renovation process will be conducted over two fiscal years with projected discussion, development, and design beginning late summer 2018 after the AAALAC Inc. site visit. More information to come soon!

Finally, we will begin thinking about our AAALAC accreditation site visit. This month the IACUC will be conducting their semi-annual facility and lab tours. With our AAALAC accreditation site visit soon to follow, I am sure that your IACUC tour team will have their AAALAC “goggles” on when they go through your areas. In late March, I submitted our program description to AAALAC for review and will soon hear when they will be here on campus. As I have done in the past, I will work to make sure that all research faculty and staff have the agenda for the day, as well as any information that is passed along.

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 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 best service possible to you and your research team. Again, thank you for all the great work and your continued contributions toward the progress that positively affects the betterment of humanity.

Best,



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