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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 almost half way through our summer, I am reaching out to share updates about our animal facilities and our IACUC/IBC and Animal Care and Use programs.

AAALAC

Our program and facilities was recently reviewed and inspected by AAALAC INC this past week, Friday July 13, 2018. The site visit on Friday went well with only a few suggestions for improvements brought forward by AAALAC. I will share those notes with you when they have been transcribed and addressed by the IACUC. If you have not heard by now, let me be the first to share with you that the AAALAC site visit team will be recommending that our program receive continuing full accreditation to AAALAC council in the Fall. The continued full accreditation status will be presented to our program sometime in November of 2018. I would like to thank everyone involved that helped in getting our program, facilities, and laboratories ready for the AAALAC site visit team..."thank you".

ARC Staff Changes

I would also like to share with you some recent staff changes and updates within my office that took place on July 1, 2018. The position being held by Ms. Tracy Wronkowski is now a full-time position and recently underwent a title change. We are pleased to announce that this position is now full-time with the title of IACUC & IBC Coordinator. Second, a title change was approved for Mrs. Alecia Bjerke. Alecia's position now has the title of Animal Facility Manager. Lastly, the university has approved another full-time position for my department with the title of Senior Animal Care Technician and we are currently executing a search to fill this position. This second full-time technician position will be vital to the department as we look to execute the Animal Resource Center Master Plan Project within the next few years.

As always, I look forward to the continued successful operation of all 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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