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ARC Per Diem Rate Adjustment Announcement

Based on a considerable degree of faculty concern, it has been decided that the ARC rate increases previously announced will not be instituted. For more information, please see the attached memo.

Remember to Update eProtocol Personnel Listing

A new semester is here and there may be new faces in the lab. Be sure to update your protocol personnel listing(s) to remove folks that no longer work on protocol(s) and to add any new lab members.

Changes must be made online in eProtocol by creating and submitting a protocol amendment.

A Primer on the Three Rs Part 1: Replacement

It is widely accepted that the humane scientific use of animals should be guided by the Three Rs: Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement. WMS Russell and RL Burch first introduced the concept of the Three Rs in their 1959 book *The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique*.

Replacement alternatives refer to methods that avoid or replace the use of animals in an area where animals would otherwise have been used. This includes both absolute replacements (i.e., replacing animals with inanimate systems, such as computer programs) and relative replacements (i.e., replacing more sentient animals, such as vertebrates, with animals that current scientific evidence indicates have a significantly lower potential for pain perception, such as some invertebrates).

Sources: *Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC)* & *Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)*.

Reporting Animal Care Concerns: “Whistle-Blower Policy”

Any person who has concerns regarding any aspect of the care and use of animals in research, teaching, or testing at The University of Texas at Austin is encouraged to voice that concern.

Concerns about animal care and use should be reported to the Attending Veterinarian, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or University Compliance Services. The names and phone numbers of these contact points should be posted in animal facilities and laboratories.

The IACUC has prepared a poster that contains this information and should be posted in animal facilities (including labs). The poster, in both English and Spanish, is available on the IACUC website.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

I checked the status of my protocol in eProtocol and under Meeting Date it says “DMR.” What does this mean?

Protocol Event	Panel	Meeting Date
RESUBMITTED TO IACUC	IACUC	DMR

The IACUC has determined that the protocol can be reviewed via the Designated Member Review (DMR) process. With DMR, the IACUC Chair assigns one (or more) member(s) to review the protocol on behalf of the IACUC. The DMR(s) have the authority to approve the protocol, request clarifications/changes, or refer the protocol to the next Full Committee Review (FCR). For more information about the protocol review process, see [FAQ C3](#) on the IACUC website.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **March 9, 2015**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **February 13, 2015**.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Investigators utilizing the services of the Animal Resources Center

FROM: Dr. Glen Otto, Director, ARC

DATE: December 18, 2014

RE: ARC per diem rates will NOT increase in January 2015.

Based on a considerable degree of faculty concern, it has been decided that the ARC rate increases previously announced in a memo dated 11/24/14 will not be instituted.

The current rates will be frozen to allow continuing discussions to occur between faculty, the leadership of affected colleges/schools, the Vice-President for Research and the ARC. In early 2015 these stakeholders will discuss 1) a longer phase-in period for future rate increases, 2) comparisons with peer institutions and other market factors that may drive the level of institutional subsidies and 3) the process used by faculty to budget for future animal expenses on multi-year projects.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen Otto".

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