



ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY (AWERB)

Minutes of a meeting of Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held on Monday 15 July 2019 from 10.00am to 12.00pm in [REDACTED]

PART 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Present

[REDACTED] (Chair and Establishment Licence Holder), [REDACTED] (Representative of the Project Licence Holders), [REDACTED] (School of Psychology), [REDACTED] (Named Animal Care & Welfare Officer), [REDACTED] (Lay Member), [REDACTED] (BSMS), [REDACTED] (Representative of the Personal Licence Holders), [REDACTED] (Named Veterinary Surgeon) and [REDACTED] (Lay Member)

In attendance: [REDACTED] (Research Governance Officer), [REDACTED] (Secretary), [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] – Observer) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] – Observer).

Apologies for absence were received from: [REDACTED] (Representative of the Ancillary Unit User Group) and [REDACTED] (Local Home Office Inspector).

2. Minutes

The AWERB **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019. (AWERB/55/M)

3. Matters arising from the minutes

The AWERB **NOTED** an update of the current actions outstanding. (AWERB/57/01)
Of note:

- [REDACTED] is still in the process of comparing the Charles River online course with the “face to face” training. Two more researchers have recently completed the online course.
- Life Sciences is the only school which has not circulated the email with regards to research and teaching activity involving animals. The School would like to prepare a strategy to deal with such activity and a meeting is to be arranged between the Research Governance Office, NACWO, members of the management team within the School and the Establishment Licence Holder. **[ACTION: Secretary to arrange]**

PART II – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

4. Report from the Chair

Nothing to report.

5. Named Animal Care & Welfare Officer (NACWO)

The AWERB **RECEIVED** an update report from the NACWO. **(AWERB/57/02)** key points:

- Two interviews will take place next week for the post of Deputy Unit Manager.
- Two ongoing issues with PPL licences using more fish than the estimated numbers in the PPL. Work has been suspended on both PPL's and cases to be referred to the HO compliance Team. The Chair reiterated the need for effective monitoring of the numbers of animals used given this situation.
- Beetles have been found in the diet and samples were sent to the laboratory for analysis and the results have returned with details of the life cycle etc. **[ACTION: ██████████ to ask the SEF Pest Control to come and review]**

6. Report from the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS)

The AWERB **NOTED** the update from the Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS). Of note:

- The two researchers who recently completed the Charles River online course were both already experienced researchers/surgeons which may have made the course and the verification of surgery, restraint and minor procedural skills easier to complete.

7. Work on PPLs by research groups not led by the PPL holder: a new processes

The AWERB **DISCUSSED** the implementation of a new process to review and monitor the shared use of Project Licence. This process will monitor the animal usage numbers when a PPL is being used by other research groups. **[██████████ to prepare a full process for the AWERB to review at the next meeting]**

PART III – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

8. Recommendations from the Applications Review Group (ARG)

The AWERB **NOTED** the summary of recommendations made by the Applications Review Group (ARG) since the last AWERB meeting. **(AWERB/57/04)**

9. Updates shared with AWERB outside of the meeting

The emotional cost of caring: Impact on animal welfare. **(AWERB/57/05)**

- Emotional Dissonance Faced by Animal Technologists.
- The division of emotional labour in animal research.
- Considerations for the effects of how human mood can influence animal behaviour within the laboratory.
- MMI: Addressing mental health and wellbeing issues across veterinary team.

10. Concordat for Openness on Animal Research (COAR)

The AWERB **NOTED** the annual reporting figures which have been updated in the University web pages. **(AWERB/57/06)** The AWERB agreed that it would be useful to compare data from previous years. **[Secretary to prepare data for the next AWERB meeting]**

11. Dates of future meetings (All meetings will be held in the Sussex House Committee Room from 10am to 12pm)

25 September 2019 14 January 2020 21 April 2020 02 July 2020

12. Any other business

The Chair expressed his thanks to [REDACTED] for her commitment to the Biomedical Research Facility whilst performing the role of Deputy Manager and also for her contribution to the AWERB. We wish her success in her future endeavors.

[REDACTED]
Secretary
July 2019