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Re: Review of UC Davis Animal Care Program

Dear Colleagues:

I write in acknowledgement of the report prepared by Professor Emerita Joy Mench following her independent review of the animal care program at UC Davis. I appreciate the detailed review and analysis Professor Emerita Mench has provided, and I am pleased that her report revealed no systemic shortcomings in our animal care program. Indeed, her findings are consistent with our recent AAALAC review, which granted Continued Full Accreditation of our program with no mandatory findings.

Nevertheless, and as we hoped, Professor Emerita Mench has provided valuable recommendations for further strengthening our already robust program. I fully endorse her recommendations, and hereby request that you move forward with implementing them. I am pleased that you are already moving forward with the recruitment of an Attending Veterinarian who will also be charged with developing a coordinated strategic plan for the animal care program, with a particular emphasis on facilities planning. I also believe that the recommended review by the IACUC of policies and procedures to identify best practices for all aspects of animal care and use will be of great value to our campus community.

Thank you for your dedication to the excellence of our animal care program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph J. Hexter", is written over the typed name and title.

Ralph J. Hexter
Interim Chancellor

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Attachment

c: Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Burtis