Policy # BP-14-2012

Policy Title: Semi-Annual Inspection of Facilities

Policy: The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (“IACUC”) will conduct semi-annual inspections of animal facilities as required by the Animal Welfare Act (“AWA”), the Animal Welfare Act Regulations (“AWAR”) and Public Health Service (“PHS”) Policy. Each inspection will be conducted by at least two members of the IACUC.

The IACUC will follow these guidelines when conducting semi-annual inspections:

- Every facility in which animals are housed for more than 12 hours must be inspected twice a year, within 6 months, by at least 2 members of the IACUC.

- Every lab and/or facility in which USDA regulated species or animals on PHS funded grants are used in invasive procedures must be inspected twice a year, within 6 months, by at least 2 members of the IACUC.

- Every lab and/or facility in which animals are used for less than 12 hour intervals must be inspected at least once a year, by at least 2 members of the IACUC.

- Every pasture used for live animals must be inspected at least once during a three year cycle. This inspection will include walking fence lines and interior pasture spaces, by at least 2 members of the IACUC.

- All University vehicles used for transport of animals must be inspected twice a year, within 6 months, by at least 2 members of the IACUC.