

# NMSU Boards

## Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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**Official Name:** Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

**Board website (if applicable):** <https://research.nmsu.edu/CAE/sub/IACUC/Home.html>

**Authoring Body or Official:** President

**Board Reports to:** VP Research

**Scope of Impact:** System

**Type of Board:** Standing

**Purpose:** IACUC is required by federal regulations to oversee the use of live vertebrate animals in research and teaching, to review and approve the necessity of animal use, the humane treatment and care, and adequate training of personnel to prevent pain and distress in animals.

**Authority (e.g. advisory to; decision-making; etc):** Advisory to executive leadership to commit resources to animal care and use, and decision making for approval of animal research and teaching activities.

**Name and e-mail of Chair or Co-Chairs for FY21:** Chair: Dr. Shanna Ivey, sivey@nmsu.edu

**Name and e-mail of Chair or Co-Chairs for FY22:** Chair: Dr. Shanna Ivey, sivey@nmsu.edu

**REPORTING PERIOD: FY20/21 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) Membership: Provide name and title of each member:** Shanna Ivey, Chair (Department Head, Animal and Range Sciences)

Colleen Caldwell, voting member (Affiliated Faculty, Fishery and Wildlife Sciences)

E. Scott Eschenbrenner, voting member (Special Assistant to the President)

Clint Loest, voting member (Professor, Animal and Range Sciences)

Trey Miller, voting member (Community representative)

Erin Weich, voting member (Attending Veterinarian)

Timothy Wright, voting member (Professor, Biology)

**Was the requirement for the number of meetings met?** Yes

**Major Accomplishments:** 1. Program evaluations: 12/21/2020, 5/3/2021. The program review involved discussion of the NMSU protocol review process, the facility inspection process, and other issues related to the animal care program. The OLAW Semiannual Program Review Checklist was used for the program review. The NMSU Animal Care and Use Program conforms to PHS Policy, the Guide for the Care and

Use of Laboratory Animals, applicable Animal Welfare Regulations, and the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching.

2. The IACUC inspected the NMSU animal facilities on November 12, 13, 16, and 20, 2020, and on April 21, 23, 26, 28, 2021 using the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching and, as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31.

3. Reports of the semiannual evaluations and inspections were submitted to the Institutional Official, VPR Cifuentes. No major deficiencies were observed. Semiannual reports for USDA-ARS Jornada facility were submitted to Dr. Brandon Bestelmeyer. No major or minor deficiencies were observed. The dedication displayed by this group to animal welfare is appreciated.

4. Annual report to NIH-OLAW was submitted and accepted 12/2/2020.

5. Annual report to USDA-APHIS was submitted and accepted 12/17/2020. For FY20/21, no covered species were held. NMSU maintains an active Research Facility registration per 7 U.S.C. 2131 Animal Welfare Act. USDA conducted a focused inspection of the facility records on 10/21/2020. No non-compliant items were identified.

6. Protocols are reviewed and approved throughout the year, according to procedures in NMSU's approved OLAW Assurance D16-00564. Thirty nine protocols were reviewed in FY20/21 for agricultural animals, mice, birds, fish, and wildlife studies.

7. NMSU responded to a request under the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA), from New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS) on 8/8/2020.