

University of Washington
December 28, 2017 IACUC Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

AB	JB	JS
AS	JFI	LJE (remotely)
CH	JLS	SL
FRR	JM	KL
		RM

Members Absent: TB JPVH ML
 MS SH

Opening Business

- The IACUC Chair called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

Confirmation of a Quorum and Announcement

- Quorum was confirmed by JS.

Issue: Availability of Animals for Research

A few hours before last Thursday's meeting, an animal welfare concern was raised when an infant was about to be removed from its mother to create a social group of 3 for completion of research on protocol 3328-05. Concern: Infant, to be used as a control, would be removed from its mother again.

There was discussion about what mechanisms the IACUC could use to act on this concern. The two well-defined mechanisms for IACUC action are to create and apply a new policy, or to suspend the protocol.

The IACUC had asked for further information from the PI. JS read the response to the letter that was sent to the PI. There was discussion about the information provided and potential effects on the research of not having a third infant in the social group. Also whether alternate infants might be available and appropriate.

There was information provided by guests and IACUC members and subsequent discussion around raising infants in pairs versus larger groups, the effects of separation of infants from mothers, and around the general role of animals at the primate center. There was also discussion about the IACUC's and PI's roles in setting and evaluating research requirements.

Motion was made and seconded to allow the protocol to proceed as written.

Vote: 12 approved, 1 opposed

Closing Business:

The Meeting was brought to a close at 3:40 pm. The floor was opened to public comment.