To: Emory University Faculty Using Experimental Animals (+ Dr. Todd Sherer)  
Re: Animal Charge Rates, FY2020  
Date: September 19, 2019

Attached are the rates for animal per diem and special service charges for fiscal year 2020 effective September 1, 2019. To arrive at FY20 animal charge rates, the DAR completed an annual comprehensive fiscal analysis of per diem and service charges for the past year. This information was presented and approved by the faculty Animal Resources Advisory Committee (ARAC) on September 17, 2019. The ARAC accepted the final rates delineated in the attached DAR Schedule of Charges.

The DAR continued to under-recover operational costs. The SOM Support budget for our Service Core in FY20 in the amount of $487,640 has enabled rate increases for FY20 to be capped at 5%. Without this significantly increased support (an additional $205,000 in FY20 compared to FY19) and a carryover of excess SOM support from FY19, recovering operational costs would have required rate increases of well over 10%. Although mice census grew a robust 5% in FY19, a 15% decline in rats and other species still resulted in a revenue shortfall. Initiatives addressed by this increased funding are staffing to enable continuity of high quality operations, conversion to irradiated diet in a continual move to eradicate MPV from our mouse colonies, maintenance of new equipment supporting research, new and increased services in laboratory diagnostic tests and managed breeding along with surgery services available on-demand.

Should any DAR user, lab, or department have additional questions, I would be pleased to meet with any investigator, or groups of research personnel, for further discussion.

Footnotes
1A comprehensive listing of rates can also be found at: http://www.dar.emory.edu/BUSINESS/fees/fee_schedule.pdf.

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