



MEMO

March 26, 2015

To: ACS Research Facility User

From: Monte Matthews, Director, Animal Care Services (ACS)  
Cris Niell, Chair, ACS Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)

CC: Brad Shelton, Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI)  
Bill Cresko, Associate Vice President for Research  
Stacy Williams-Wright, Divisional Budget Director, (VPRI)  
Melodi Jayne, Business Manager, Research Core Business Services (RCB)  
Terry Takahashi, ACS FAC member  
Matt Smear, ACS FAC member

RE: ACS cost analysis and rate setting FY16 partial rate increases: 2% increase for rodent users

The Faculty Advisory Committee for Animal Care Services (Cris Niell, Terry Takahashi, and Matt Smear), the Office of Research and Innovation (primarily through Bill Cresko and Stacy Williams-Wright) and ACS Director Monte Matthews have been working together over the last several months to examine the existing rate structure within the animal facility. After reviewing revenue and expense projections provided by Animal Care Services (ACS) and Research Core Business Services (RCB), the ACS Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) recommends raising the rodent per diem rates for FY16 by 2% (for most rodent users, this equates to a \$0.01 - \$0.02 increase per cage depending on cage configuration), which will go into effect July 1, 2015, the beginning of FY16. Please see attached per diem rate schedule for FY16.

In last year's memo, we stated that we would "anticipate another increase for the following year on the order of 3-5% to keep pace with increasing costs for goods (e.g. feed, bedding, water pouches, protective clothing, cleaning supplies) and services (e.g. labor, equipment maintenance)." Although we were hoping not to have any per diem rate increase for FY16 given the 25% increase for FY15 that was phased in over the year, current projections for FY16 leave about a \$50,000 projected loss. Hence, we believe that this modest 2% increase for the rodent users will put us on a positive trajectory for continued growth and increased efficiency of use to sustain the ACS service center financially, and is preferable to being forced to make a large increase again in the future. If we arrive at the point where there is no projected loss then per diem rates will be evaluated for potential decreases.

We want to remind all of you how important it is to continue to budget in your own grants and other sources of revenue (e.g. start up funds) annual per diem rate increases in the 3-5% range. Actual rate increases won't be known until 3-4 months prior to the next fiscal year, so budgeting 3-5% increases for several years should allow you sufficient funds to cover actual increases when known.

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**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES (ACS)  
FISCAL YEAR 2016  
RATE SCHEDULE  
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016**

<b><u>Animal Species</u></b>	<b><u>OUS Institutions Per Diem Rate</u></b>	<b><u>For Profit Per Diem Rates</u></b>
Mouse – 124 antibody	1.95/box	2.90-3.50
Mouse - Transgenic/autoclave in	1.02/box	1.80/box
Mouse – Transgenic/autoclave in	1.53/LRG box	2.70/LRG box
Mouse – Quarantine/autoclave out	1.21/box	1.80/box
Mouse - conventional	0.70/box	1.04/box
Mouse – conventional	1.06/LRG box	1.57/LRG box
Mouse – conventional-weekly change out	1.22/box	
Mouse – conventional-weekly change out	1.84/LRG box	
Owl	2.09/owl	
Owl-recovery	7.11/owl	
Rat– ventilated rack	0.70/rat	1.04/rat
Rodent Recovery	2.10/rodent	
	<b><u>Other Charges</u></b>	
Technical time	40.00/hour	65.00/hour

These rates are based on guidelines prescribed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Cost Analysis and Rate Setting Manual for Animal Resource Facilities* (2000). These rates are reviewed annually by the Faculty Advisory Council and approved by the Vice President for Research. If you have any questions, please call ACS at 6-4957 or 6-4958.