

**Indiana University School of Medicine
Committee Report Template**

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Committee Name: Lab Animal Resource Center Advisory Committee

Committee Chair Name: Karen E. Pollok

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Meeting Frequency: 4-5 times per year

What is the mission of your committee? (100 words)

The mission of the LARC advisory committee is to facilitate information exchange between the LARC staff and the IUSM faculty. While the committee does not make final decisions on policy or budgetary issues, it does provide advice on budgeting, infrastructure, regulation, and safety. Members of the committee represent the majority of major departments at the IUSM that use animals in their research.

What has your committee accomplished this year? (250 words)

This year, the LARC advisory committee focused on discussions related to strategies to cut costs while preserving high quality care and research. This year, Dr. Hickman continued to provide excellent updates on the controlled substance policy and how it will be handled at the local and federal levels. Several members of the advisory committee attended a meeting with regulators from the Drug Enforcement Agency (Indianapolis branch) and LARC staff. Advisory members worked with the LARC staff to pilot the process of obtaining individual controlled substance licenses and also worked to help begin the transition to independent licensing and ordering for the IUSM campus.

What goals does your committee have for the next academic year? How can the Faculty Steering Committee help you to accomplish those goals? (150 words)

We will continue to serve as a resource to the LARC in identifying ways to improve communication between investigators and the LARC staff that oversee their animal experiments. Over the next year, we will continue discussions on organization of mouse rooms, improvements

in sterilization procedures and SOPs, as well as discuss ways to conserve resources. We will also continue to engage the LARC on issues related to the transition to independent licensing of controlled substances. We continue to have a solid and interactive working relationship with Dr. Hickman and staff and believe we do not require additional assistance at this point in time. Thank you.