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Dear Heads of Departments, Chairpersons of DRCs and Faculty Animal Researchers

**RE: Notice from the Faculty of Health Sciences Animal Ethics Committee regarding AEC submission timelines (pending studies).**

The Animal Ethics Committee would like to inform all animal researchers in the Health Sciences Faculty that animal research protocols submitted to HSFAEC for review will be kept pending/open on our database for the period of six months after the first feedback from the HSFAEC is given to the principal investigator of the protocol.

If an application is cancelled in our database due to the protocol lapsing after 6 months, the principal investigator will need to re-apply and re-submit all necessary documents.

My best wishes for a successful research and /or teaching endeavour.

Yours sincerely

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