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UMO President Howard R. Neville said Monday that a decision will be announced Thursday on whether a 23-year-old animal technology major can keep her laboratory animals alive.

Michele Earlinez, a Zen Buddhist, said a required course, laboratory animal care, which terminates the animals at the end of the semester, violates her religious and moral principals.

"They're infringing upon my moral and religious beliefs. You don't need to sacrifice those animals," she said.

A meeting Friday between Neville, Earlinez and Student Legal Service representatives involved a discussion of the situation.

Neville would not comment Monday on the meeting. Jud Esty-Kendall, an SLS staff lawyer and Earlinez's representative, described the meeting as "fairly amiable."

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