

TITLE: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

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PURPOSE: To establish the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and define its functions.

REVIEWER AND Academic Council

REVIEW DATE: Spring 2025 and every five years thereafter

OPERATING DETAILS:

1. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is a standing committee responsible for the review of research and teaching activities that involve vertebrate animals. This review process ensures that all university activities comply with government regulations set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), and by the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).
2. The IACUC will consist of a minimum of five (5) members, including: at least one faculty member experienced with using vertebrate animals for research, testing, or training; one faculty member whose primary field is nonscientific and is associated with ethics, legal, or religious studies; one doctor of veterinary medicine who has direct or delegated authority and responsibility for activities involving animals at the university; one member of the community not associated with the university; and the Director of Sponsored Projects. The Chief Academic Officer will appoint the committee members.
3. The term of service of each committee member will be two years. Committee members may continue in their position beyond two years at the request of the Chief Academic Officer if they are willing and able to do so. The Director of Sponsored Projects will be a standing member of the committee.
4. The IACUC will meet at least twice per year and on an as-needed basis to review research proposals that involve vertebrate animals and complete any additional tasks required by law.
5. The IACUC will establish and publish the processes that must be followed when vertebrate animals are to be used in research at the university. The Chief Academic Officer will serve as the institutional official (IO). The IACUC reports to the IO, who

possesses administrative and operational authority to ensure compliance with relevant policies from OLAW and the AWA.

6. This policy applies to all activities, teaching, and research that involve vertebrate animals that are: sponsored by the university; conducted by university faculty, staff, visitors, or students; and conducted using property and/or facilities owned by the university. No research or instructional activities involving vertebrate animals can be carried out without approval from the IACUC. Registered service and support animals and wild or feral animals on campus are excluded from IACUC oversight.

7. Failure to comply with applicable policies related to animal care and use may result in penalties described in PS # 1311 Misconduct in Research as well as civil and/or criminal penalties, and may also result in loss of federal funding to the university.