

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

BACKGROUND/HISTORY: This Committee received an initial formal charter as a University Standing Committee in 1964. In 1981, the Public Health Service (PHS) issued a Policy which required written assurance of institutional compliance before National Institutes of Health funding could be awarded for research or teaching. This assurance could be provided either by accreditation by an appropriate professional body or by an institutions own Animal Care Committee. In 1996, a final revised version of the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals was made effective. This Policy required the establishment, according to specified criteria, of an IACUC with defined responsibilities. Multiple Project Assurance (#A-3428) is the document which assures that the University is in compliance with Federal regulations.

CLASSIFICATION/TERMS OF APPOINTMENT: This is a University Standing Committee as required by Federal regulations. Its Charter shall be reviewed annually by ORI and revised as necessary.

FORMAL CHARGES: This Committee shall be responsible for conduction of initial and continuing review of all research and teaching projects involving the use of live vertebrate animals. The IACUC is also charged with continuing review of the Institution's program for humane care and use of animals. This includes inspection of University animal facilities to ensure compliance with all regulatory standards.

REPORTING CHANNELS/PROCEDURES: This Committee reports to the University via the Program Director of ORI to the Associate Provost for Research and then to the appropriate Institutional Official.

MEMBERSHIP: The Committee membership shall consist of not less than five members. It shall include at least one Doctor of Veterinary Medicine who has program responsibility for activities involving animals at the Institution, one practicing scientist experienced in animal research, one member whose primary concerns are in nonscientific areas and one member who is not affiliated with the Institution in any way.

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT: All members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Director of ORI.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP: Members shall serve three year terms and may serve successive terms.

OFFICERS: A Chair shall be appointed every three years by the Associate Provost for Research. The Chair may serve successive terms. The Vice-Chair is appointed by the Director of ORI in consultation with the IACUC Chair.

SUBCOMMITTEES: The Committee Chair shall appoint subcommittees as necessary.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES: This Committee shall maintain close relationships with the IRB, the IBC, and the University Safety Committee.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The IACUC shall meet once a month. Individual members shall maintain contact as necessary to fulfill specific project reviews.

MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPORT MATERIAL: A written agenda with all appropriate support materials will be distributed to each member prior to each meeting.

COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minutes of meetings shall be maintained in the ORI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Information on the IACUC shall be updated annually with the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Protection from Research Risks. Facility inspection reports shall be submitted semi-annually to the appropriate Institutional official.

STAFF SUPPORT: Direct staff assistant to the Committee shall be provided by the ORI.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER: Should any amendment to this Charter be required, the Program Director of ORI and Associate Provost for Research shall review and approve the revision.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE CHARTER IS EFFECTIVE AS OF: December 06, 1995