Agricultural Animal Care and Use Committee

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The Agricultural Animal Care and Use Committee (AACUC) is responsible for maintaining oversight of the humane care and treatment of agricultural animals used in research and teaching; ensuring the University's compliance with any public health service policy on humane care and use of agricultural animals, and following guidelines laid out in A Guide for Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Training and reviews animal care portions of projects to determine if the appropriate animal model and number of animals have been chosen, and if personnel are properly trained and knowledgeable in the proper use of anesthesia, analgesia, and euthanasia; conducts semi-annual inspections of the animal housing facilities/laboratories and reviews animal care and use to ensure humane care, use, and treatment of animals; prepares reports noting all deficiencies found during inspections and submits reports to the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare; and reviews and investigates complaints involving the use and care of animals.

Membership consists of at least three faculty members appointed for staggered three-year terms, at least two of whom should have animal science experience in research; at least one faculty member from outside the College of Agriculture; one livestock producer (not employed by the University); and a veterinarian (practicing professional), and at least one community representative who is not affiliated with Arkansas State University. Appointments are made by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research. The committee elects a chair at the beginning of each year.

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be uploaded here as they become available. For past meeting dates, refer to the official Shared Governance archives or contact the Office of Academic Affairs.