

Committee Overview

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for the oversight of all non-agricultural animals used in research and teaching; ensures compliance with the rules of appropriate regulatory agencies on the care and use of laboratory animals; 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 five faculty members appointed for staggered three-year terms, at least four of whom are familiar with laboratory animal research; at least one faculty member from outside the sciences; 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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