

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Functions

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will:

1. Make written recommendations to the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs regarding policy for Cal Poly's animal facilities and/or personnel training program, and review concerns involving the care and use of animals.
2. Review at least semiannually the institution's program for humane care and use of animals and inspect at least semiannually all of the institution's animal facilities, including satellite facilities.
3. Review and approve applications or proposals to the Public Health Service (PHS) related to the care and use of animals, or to proposed significant changes in the use of animals in ongoing activities, and suspend approval for the conduct of research involving animals that violates the campus principles for humane care.
4. Prepare reports of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee evaluations and submit them to the Public Health Service via the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs.

Membership

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee is appointed by the President, and reports directly to the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs as the President's designee. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee membership consists, at a minimum, of the following:

1. One Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, with training or experience in laboratory animal science and medicine, who has direct or delegated program responsibility for activities involving animals at the institution, nominated by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.
2. One member* from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences *or* the College of Science and Mathematics, nominated by the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, in consultation with the Deans of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics.
3. Two members* experienced in research involving animals, one member to be nominated by the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics and one to be nominated by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.
4. One member whose primary concerns are in a non-scientific area (for example, ethicist, lawyer, member of the clergy). This member is nominated by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.
5. One individual who is not affiliated with Cal Poly in any way other than as a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and is not a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution. This member is nominated by the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs.
6. Campus Environmental Officer (ex officio, nonvoting).

The Dean of Research and Graduate Programs will appoint the chair. An individual who meets the requirements of more than one of the above six categories may fulfill more than one requirement. However, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee may not consist of fewer than five voting members and at least two of the three members denoted with an asterisk must be practicing scientists with experience in research involving animals.

The term of service is three years. Any member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee may be eligible for reappointment to multiple terms of office, consecutive or otherwise.

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