



POLICY STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

I. PURPOSE

The policy governs the membership and responsibilities of the LSUS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

II. POLICY

The LSUS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) oversees all aspects of the LSUS animal care and use program and its components as described in the Animal Welfare Act (P.L. 89-54, amended by P.L. 91-579 and P.L. 94-279), the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (OPRR, Health Research Extension Act, 1985, P.L. 99-185, Rev. 9/86). The IACUC reviews all animal use protocols, ensures compliance with federal regulations, inspects animal facilities and laboratories, and oversees animal training and educational programs. The term “animal,” for the purposes of the animal care program, includes all non-human independent live vertebrate members of the Phylum Chordata, Class Vertebrata (all vertebrates) used in research, education, or testing. The determination of when an embryonic animal is considered an independent entity varies by the class of the animal. Any use of an animal in research, education, or testing at LSUS requires IACUC review and approval. The use of animal by-products, such as tissues or antibodies, is not included in IACUC oversight. However, obtaining them may be subject to import controls and inter-institutional assurances. The IACUC serves as a resource to faculty, students, staff, and administrators and provides guidance for conducting all animal use procedures with the highest scientific, humane, and ethical principles. The *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (U.S. Dept. of

Health and Human Services, National Research Council (US) Committee for the Update of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th ed. Washington (DC): National Academic Press (US); 2011. PMID: 21575155.), which is widely employed as a model for protection of animals in research and other activities, will be used as the guiding document for animal care and use at LSU.

Federally Mandated IACUC Functions:

1. Review at least once every six months LSU's program for humane care and use of animals, using the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* as a basis for evaluation.
2. Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the animal facilities, including animal study areas/satellite facilities, using United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulations and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* as a basis for evaluation.
3. Prepare reports of IACUC evaluations and submit the reports to the Provost.
4. Review and investigate animal welfare concerns involving the care and use of animals at LSU.
5. Make recommendations to the Provost regarding any aspect of the animal program, facilities, or personnel training.
6. Review and approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or withhold approval of those components of proposed activities related to the care and use of animals.
7. Review and approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or withhold approval of proposed significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in ongoing activities.
8. Suspend an activity involving animals when necessary; including taking corrective action and reporting of these actions as directed under federal guidelines.

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

The IACUC shall be appointed by the Provost and be composed of following required categories of representation on the IACUC. (A single individual may represent more than one of these categories and no more than three members will be from the same administrative unit/department.)

At least five voting members including:

- A licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine;
- One practicing scientist experienced in animal research;
- One member whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area;
- One member who is not affiliated with LSUS;
- The Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences;
- The Director of Sponsored Research; and

Non-voting member:

- The LSUS Laboratory Safety Officer.

The Chair of the IACUC may also request appointment of additional, non-voting members to provide additional expertise as needed. These requests must be approved by the Provost.

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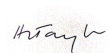
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