

ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Mandate:

The Animal Care and Use Committee shall oversee all matters on the use of vertebrate animals in all educational and research programs in the college. It shall initiate and review institutional guidelines to ensure that federal and state requirements for the care and use of vertebrate animals are met. In keeping with the federal requirements, this committee functions under the direct supervision of the Dean of the Natural Sciences and Mathematics, who in turn is responsible to the President of the college.

The duties of the committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review at least once every six months the program of the college for humane care and use of vertebrate animals, using federally mandated regulations for the basis of evaluation.
2. Inspect at least once every six months each animal facility within the college, using the federally mandated regulations for the basis of evaluation.
3. Prepare reports of the above inspections and present them to the Dean for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics and for the Contextual Disciplines. These reports must indicate any lack of compliance with the federal regulations, and specify corrective measures and the timetable for completion of such corrective measures.
4. Review and approve, or specify additions or corrections necessary to obtain approval for, all procedures involving the use of vertebrate animals within the college. Each laboratory exercise involving the use of vertebrate animals must be approved on a yearly basis.
5. File the required federal and state animal care and use reports to the appropriate agencies. This is necessary to maintain the license of the college to use animals in its educational and research endeavors.
6. Keep records pertaining to the above activities for at least three years after the completion of the activity.
7. Develop new programs, as required, to meet the requirements to maintain the license of the college to use animals in its educational and research endeavors.

Reporting Relationship:

The Animal Care and Use Committee will report to the Faculty Senate.

Composition:

Five members: a practicing scientist experienced in research involving vertebrate animals, a non-scientist, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with training or experience in laboratory animal science and medicine (this member must be the attending veterinarian for the college), a community member from outside the college, and one other member of the college. These members will be appointed by the Dean for Natural Sciences and Mathematics (as per federal regulation).

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