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Office of the General Counsel

**POLICY SUMMARY FORM**

**Policy Name:** Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

**Policy Number:** 8.6

**Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted?** Review/Revise

**Date of last revision, if applicable:** 1/29/2019

**Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation:** Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Purpose of Policy (what does it do):** Policy regards to animal care during research projects

**Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):**

Scheduled Review       Change in law       Response to audit finding

Internal Review       Other, please explain:

*Please complete the appropriate section:*

**Specific rationale for new policy:**

**Specific rationale for each substantive revision:** No changes.

**Specific rationale for deletion of policy:**

*Additional Comments:*

Reviewers:

Academic Affairs Policy Committee  
Lorenzo Smith, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Damon Derrick, General Counsel

## **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**

**Original Implementation:** April 17, 2012

**Last Revision:** ~~January 29, 2019~~ April 12, 2022

The Stephen F. Austin State University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for the review of research and teaching activities that involve vertebrate animals.

This review process ensures that all university activities comply with government regulations set forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) and by the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

The IACUC will consist of a minimum of five (5) members, including: at least one faculty member representing an academic department utilizing vertebrate animals for research, testing, or training; one member from a department that does not utilize animals in research; one doctor of veterinary medicine; and one member of the community not associated with the university. The committee will meet at least twice per year and on an as-needed basis to review faculty research proposals that involve vertebrate animals and complete any additional tasks required by law.

The IACUC will establish and publish the processes that must be followed when vertebrate animals are to be used in research. The dean of research and graduate studies will serve as the institutional official (IO). The IACUC reports to the IO, who possesses administrative and operational authority to ensure compliance with relevant policies from OLAW and the AWA.

No activities involving vertebrate animals can be carried out without approval from the IACUC. This includes activities that may be considered exempt activities and/or exempt animals.

This policy applies to all activities, teaching and research, that involve vertebrate animals that are: sponsored by the university; conducted by university faculty, staff, visitors, or students; and conducted using property and/or facilities owned by the university.

Failure to comply with applicable federal policies related to animal care and use may result in civil and/or criminal penalties, and may also result in loss of federal funding to the university.

**Cross References:** 9 C.F.R. § 2.31; Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et. seq.; Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, 8th edition; Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook*, 2nd edition; ORSP Grants and Contracts Procedures Manual; SFASU IACUC Policies and

Procedures Manual

**Responsible for Implementation:** Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Contact for Revision:** Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

**Forms:** Animals in Research Protocol; IACUC Application – short form

**Board Committee Assignment:** Academic and Student Affairs