

Shawnee State University

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1.0 PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the humane care and use of live, vertebrate animals in research, teaching, training, and biological testing activities; to ensure a safe climate for conducting scientific inquiry; and to ensure that Shawnee State University complies with all applicable regulations. In cases of conflict between this policy and federal regulations, the federal regulations take precedence.

2.0 APPLICABILITY AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 This policy applies to all activities which, in whole or in part, involve research, teaching, training, and biological testing of live, vertebrate animals if:
 - 2.1.1 such activities are sponsored by Shawnee State University; or
 - 2.1.2 such activities are directed or conducted by University faculty or staff in connection with their institutional responsibilities; or
 - 2.1.3 such activities are conducted by University students under the direction of University faculty or staff; or
 - 2.1.4 such activities are conducted at the University or involve use of University property; or
 - 2.1.5 such activities are conducted at another institution as a consequence of sub-granting activities or the establishment of other cooperative agreements.
- 2.2 Shawnee State University will make a reasonable effort to ensure that all individuals involved in the care and use of animals understand their individual and collective responsibilities for compliance with this policy as well as all other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to animal care and use.
- 2.3 Shawnee State University will comply with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and other federal statutes and regulations relating to use of animals in teaching and research.

3.0 INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

- 3.1 The Provost will appoint three faculty members to the IACUC as well as one outside committee member who is not affiliated with the institution and is not an immediate family member of a person affiliated with the University. The committee will be responsible for electing a chairperson.
- 3.2 The term for each member will be three years and will commence at the beginning of autumn semester and end at the conclusion of spring semester of the final year of service.
- 3.3 The IACUC will report to the Provost or Provost's designee.
- 3.4 The IACUC will be responsible for receiving, vetting, and approving Institutional Animal Care and Use proposals. All work with vertebrate animals must be approved by the IACUC prior to work commencing.
- 3.5 The IACUC will conduct a six-month review of the University's program and facilities where applicable teaching and research take place.

4.0 PROCEDURES

The Provost or Provost's designee is responsible for establishing procedures to ensure that the IACUC and the University's research involving live, vertebrate animals are in conformance with federal, state, and local laws. Procedures will include information regarding meetings of the IACUC, the application approval process for students and faculty, standards and criteria for program and facility review, and standards for record keeping.

History

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