

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee General Guidelines

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for the review and approval of all research conducted with animals by staff, faculty, and students at the University of Evansville. This oversight does not include research not involving data collection from animal subjects (e.g., literature reviews).

The following is reprinted from the Faculty and Administrator Manual:

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a. **Function:** The IACUC has three primary functions: 1) review and approval of all research proposals conducted by University of Evansville faculty, staff, or students when non-human animals are involved as subjects (including those covered by the Animal Welfare Act (parts 2131-2156 of Title 7 of the United States Code); 2) oversight, inspection, and approval of all University of Evansville facilities that house animals used as subjects in research or teaching, and 3) investigation of allegations of a failure by any member of the University of Evansville community to adhere to research integrity standards when non-human animals are involved as subjects.

b. **Membership:** The IACUC shall be appointed jointly by the Chair of the Faculty Senate and the EVPAA. The IACUC composition will be in accord with § 46.107 of Title 45, Part 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Animal Welfare Act. The IACUC will include at least five members including one member not affiliated with the University of Evansville. Membership must include one research scientist with experience in animal research and one non-scientist. One member must be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine who will be appointed by the President to the IACUC.

c. **Guiding Principles:** The IACUC will act in accord with Part 45 of Title 46 of the United States Code, Parts 2131-2156 of Title 7 of the United States Code (the "Animal Welfare Act") and all other United States Department of Agriculture policies regarding the care of animals and non-human animals in research.

Research proposals may be reviewed by all members of the IACUC ("full review") or fewer than all members of the IACUC ("expedited review"). A third category is "exempt from review." The determination of whether a proposal is exempt from review must be made by the IACUC, not the investigator. All proposed animal research will be submitted to the chair of the IACUC (contact information below); a single paper copy and an electronic copy are required. It is strongly recommended that all student projects be submitted by at least the mid-way point in the semester which they are to be completed. A sample proposal as well as a template are available on AceLink.

Current IACUC membership and period of appointment:

Dr. Noah Gordon (Biology), chair

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Dr. Vinn Campese (Psychology/Neuroscience)

Dr. Andy Lampkins (Physician Assistant)

Erin Lewis (Non-Scientist)

Dr. Rita Johnson, DVM (Veterinarian and Non-U.E. Affiliate)