

**POLICY FOR INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROCEDURES FOR TEACHING,
EXPERIMENTATION, OR RESEARCH AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO**

I. PURPOSE

- A. To keep California State University, Fresno and its faculty, staff and students, in compliance with all laws, federal and state, that apply to procurement, transportation, housing, handling, treatment, sanitation, nutrition, experimentation, exhibition, instruction, destruction and disposal of any or all animals.
- B. To develop a policy for the management of animals used for teaching, experimentation and research which is acceptable to state and federal agencies and funding organizations.
- C. To maintain a program at the university such that faculty, staff and students utilizing animals under the purview of these institutional animal care and use procedures will be assured reasonable protection from biological and physical hazards.

II. AUTHORITY

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Provost) shall appoint an institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) composed of at least five members sufficient to meet the regulations of the regulatory agencies identified above. At least five members appointed to the committee shall be directly involved with the use of animals for teaching or research. One member of the committee shall be a doctor of veterinary medicine employed by the university.

The chair of the committee shall be elected by the committee. The committee shall meet as required by the regulatory agencies or whenever the chair and/or Provost deem it necessary.

It shall be the responsibility of the committee, with the assistance of a doctor of veterinary medicine, to develop, oversee, implement, supervise, and assure compliance with the institutional animal care and use procedures and any federal or state laws that apply, including subsequent amendments and new laws. The committee may delegate this responsibility.

III. OBJECTIVES

The following actions shall be taken by the university to fulfill all legal responsibilities:

- A. Supervise and implement institutional animal care and use procedures suitable for certification by the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Association For Accreditation of Laboratory Animals Care (AAALAC) and/or other agency, as required by the university.
- B. Implement and supervise evaluation, review, and inventory systems to identify and track animal care and use at the university

Reference: National Institute of Health website for current animal care and use regulations and standards: <http://oacu.od.nih.gov>

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