



Administrative Committees and Councils

The University of Texas-Pan American
Committees and Councils Project

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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Purpose

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) was formed under USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, 9 CFR Chapter I, Section 2.3.1 as well as requirements of the Public Health Service of the National Institutes of Health. Its purpose is to monitor all research and teaching activities within the institution that make use of animal subjects to insure their humane treatment.

Members

Fredric Zaidan III	Scientist (Biology) Chair
Adalberto Garza, DVM	Attending Veterinarian
Thomas Wheelan	Scientist (Chemistry)
John McBride, EdD	Non-scientist (Curriculum & Instruction)
Marisa Oliva	Nonaffiliated Member – (Community Member)
Valerie (Wendy) James-Aldridge	Faculty, Psychology and Anthropology

Officers

Fredric Zaiden III, Chair

Responsibilities

- Review the institution's program of animal research for conformity with federal and other relevant laws.
- Inspect all of the institution's animal care facilities.
- Prepare reports from the IACUC for submission to the Institutional Official.
- Investigate concerns involving the care or use of animals at the research facility.
- Make recommendations to the Institutional Official regarding any aspect of the research facility's animal program, facilities, or personnel training.
- Review and approve, require modifications in, or withhold approval of proposed activities related to the care and use of animals.
- Suspend an activity involving animals when necessary; take corrective action, and report to funding agencies and to USDA.

Composition and Terms of Membership

Members are appointed by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the USDA Animal Welfare Act and the National Institutes of Health. Members are appointed without term expiration, and are replaced if they resign or are found to be negligent in their duties.

Reporting

The IACUC reports to the Vice President for Business Affairs, who is designated as the Institutional Official