

The IACUC has discussed the faculty handbook statement, provided by Margy Leahey, and voted (via e-mail) that it be included in the faculty handbook.

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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee: IACUCs derive their authority from the law. They are mandated by the Health Research Extension Act (HREA) of 1985 and the AWA [Animal Welfare Assurance]. The laws require “the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of an organization to appoint the IACUC, whose responsibilities are delineated in the law and federal policy and regulations.” (Applied Research Ethics National Association [ARENA} and the Public Health Service, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare [OLAW], *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook*, 11.

According to federal regulations, “the membership of the committee shall consist of at least one Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, one practicing scientist experienced in research involving animals, one member whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area, one member not affiliated in any way with the institution and not a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution, and not more than three members from the same administrative unit of the institution.” {*Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook*, 14; see also Public Health Service Policy IV.A.3.a., b., and US Department of Agriculture Regulations, 9 CFR 2.31 (a) (b).}

NOTE: Senate resolution R-04-05-03:

THE SENATE SHALL FORM TWO AD HOC COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTOR OF GRANT PROGRAMS, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE 2004-2005 CHAIRS OF THE IRB AND THE IACUC, RESPECTIVELY, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SENATE REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT THESE COMMITTEES SHOULD COME UNDER GOVERNANCE AND/OR WHAT INFORMATION, IF ANY, REGARDING THESE COMMITTEES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FACULTY HANDBOOK. THE AD HOC COMMITTEES SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE AT ITS OCTOBER 2004 MEETING. Passed unanimously.