

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:** University Animal Care and Use Committee (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, IACUC)

**Chair:** Sarah Lundin-Schiller, Ph.D.

### Meeting Dates for 2006-2007:

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| 09-15-06 | Regular Meeting   |
| 09-22-06 | Clement Bldg Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection                   |
| 09-29-06 | Regular Meeting   |
| 10-06-06 | Sundquist Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection                      |
| 10-20-06 | Environmental Education Center Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection |
| 10-31-07 | Meeting for Semi-Annual Program Review                                |
| 12-12-06 | Regular Meeting   |
| 01-16-07 | Regular Meeting   |
| 02-06-07 | Regular Meeting   |
| 02-20-07 | Clement Bldg Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection                   |
| 03-13-07 | Regular Meeting   |
| 03-20-07 | Sundquist Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection                      |
| 03-23-07 | Environmental Education Center Animal Facility Semi-Annual Inspection |
| 04-10-07 | Meeting for Semi-Annual Program Review                                |
| 04-24-07 | Regular Meeting   |
| 05-01-07 | Regular Meeting   |

### Major Actions and Accomplishments:

- **ANIMAL PROTOCOL REVIEWS:** Reviewed 10 new animal use protocols and 1 renewal.
- **ANIMAL FACILITIES INSPECTIONS:** Inspected all animal facilities where animals are housed on campus for research and teaching to ensure that housing and care meets Federal standards. The only major deficiency in this area is the Sundquist Bldg animal facility which still cannot be used to capacity due to each holding room not being on individual light and HVAC control and doors being too small for large cage racks to be moved through. In the last inspection of this facility the committee states that the use of the rooms can be approved on a case by case basis as long as the temperature and light requirements of the individual species can be met and holding cages could be moved rapidly in the case that evacuation of animals was necessary.
- **TRAINING:**
  - Implemented animal care and use training for animal users and IACUC members that satisfies the Federal mandate for such training.

- Begun assessment of programmatic needs in the area of occupational health and safety of personnel using animals. Documentation of personnel training in occupational health and safety and a personnel health program stills needs to be implemented.
- FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION:
  - Revised animal protocol submission forms and updated procedures for reporting continuation protocols.
  - Recorded all committee actions in the form of meeting minutes, inspection reports, and memos to animal users. These records are kept on file in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Research. This is also a Federal requirement of a complete animal care and use program.
- WEBSITE: Developed a website for animal users and committee members to access necessary IACUC forms, information, and training. <http://www.apsu.edu/iacuc>
- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: The committee membership is mandated by both APSU policy and Federal guidelines. It continues to be a challenge to find a veterinarian and a community member that can attend the meetings. I have asked Mrs. Amy Bishop (community member and high school science teacher) to serve and she is considering it. I will continue to communicate with Dr. Amanda Fant and see if we can arrange meetings that will fit into her schedule. The Chair wishes to thank especially the very active committee members Gilbert Pitts, Philenese Slaughter, Paul Nicodemus, and Chiu-Fu Sheng for their hard work on the committee during this last academic year.
- GOALS FOR 07-08
  - Complete implementation of personnel occupation health and safety program
  - Improve committee meeting attendance
  - Continue to maintain monitoring of animal use and record keeping
  - Work to bring Sundquist Facility into complete compliance