



## **Animal Facility SOP 50.1 IACUC Appointment of Members**

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### **IACUC membership**

IACUC members are appointed by the Institutional Official for a term of five years. Members may be reappointed at the end of their five year term.

The IACUC membership must meet the composition requirements of PHS Policy IV.A.3.b.

The IACUC includes a veterinarian, a practicing scientist experienced in animal research, a person whose primary concerns are in a non-scientific area, and a person who is unaffiliated with the Institution except as a member of the IACUC. The committee must consist of at least five members.

The appointed members must be qualified through experience and expertise to provide oversight for the institution's animal program, facilities, and procedures.

The Veterinarian must have direct and delegated program authority and responsibility for animal related activities, and is always considered to be an institution affiliate.

An individual who is qualified to fill more than one of the required categories may be appointed to do so.

The unaffiliated member should have no discernable ties or ongoing affiliation with the institution, and may not be a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution. Immediate family includes parents, spouse, child or sibling.

In order to conduct official business, all the positions on the IACUC must be filled. Alternate members may serve on the IACUC providing they fulfill a specific membership requirement as the member they are replacing.

MSU's nonaffiliated member is a volunteer from the Baltimore community who is provided with transportation for attending meetings. No honorarium is provided for service on the IACUC.

The IACUC consists of seven voting members including the chair plus 5 alternates.