



Purpose and Intent

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Office of Environmental Health, Safety, and Compliance

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Purpose and Intent –

Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) is committed to incorporating health and safety practices in teaching and research activities using biological material (animals) at the AMSC facility by faculty, staff, and students. For USDA purposes, it serves as the de facto Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The purpose of this committee is to establish guidelines on campus to reduce the risk of potential injury and/or exposure to animals in teaching and research.

The guidelines are established in accordance with the following documents:

1. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee information - <http://www.iacuc.org>
2. USDA Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Guidebook - <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/GuideBook.pdf>

Statement of Policy –

All research and teaching activities performed by faculty, staff, and/or students involving animals must receive IACUC review and approval prior to initiation of such activities and must be performed in accordance to the policies and procedures based on documents mentioned above under guidelines.

Institutional Official and Responsible Official –

The Atlanta Metropolitan State College President delegated the authority and responsibility concerning biosafety to the Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness. The Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness is responsible for oversight and compliant operation of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Program.

The Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness has appointed an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee that is responsible for the oversight and evaluation of the use of animals in research and teaching.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee –

All research and teaching activities performed by faculty, staff, and/or students involving animals must receive IACUC review and approval prior to initiation of such activities pursuant to IACUC processes regardless of whether these activities are performed on the campus premises, performed in a location administered by or under the control of AMSC or supported by funds provided by AMSC.

The IACUC has authority to:

- A. Inspect laboratories where animals are used or stored.
- B. Review and, if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of animals.
- C. Prepare written reports of its evaluations, including, but not limited to, a report to OLAW each January 31 regarding the previous year (Jan 1 – Dec 31).
- D. Make recommendations to the Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness concerning any aspect of the Animal Care and Use Program.
- E. Suspend any activity involving animals that does not conform to IACUC procedures, state laws, and federal regulations.
- F. Approve personnel for handling animals.

Sanctions –

Failure to comply with the policies and procedures of the Animal Care and Use Program, Georgia law, or federal regulations regarding the use of infectious agents, toxins, biological material, and animals in research or teaching activities within AMSC or by agents or affiliates of AMSC may result in suspension of such activities. In addition, as a result of such non-compliance, the investigator may be ineligible to receive future awards or to perform research within AMSC.

References/Resources –

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - <http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/BMBL.pdf>
2. USDA Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Guidebook - <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/GuideBook.pdf>
3. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee information - <http://www.iacuc.org>
4. Public Health Service – <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/faqs.htm>