

IACUC Committee Member Role and Responsibilities

Los Angeles Pierce College

Responsibilities

The IACUC is responsible for the oversight of animal care and use in our teaching environment. This requires an ongoing assessment of animal care and use. The IACUC responsibilities include:

- Review of the programs for humane care and use of animals
- Inspect animal facilities
- Review animal welfare concerns
- Review and approve changes to the use of animals
- Make recommendations to the Institutional Official (IO) on any aspect of the animal program, facilities, or personnel training
- Prepare reports to the IO
- Be authorized to suspend an activity involving animals

Program Reviews and Facility Inspections

The IACUC monitors the animal care and use program by conducting thorough reviews of the program and inspections of the facilities.

Program: activities conducted by and at an institution that have a direct impact on the well-being of animals, including animal and veterinary care, policies and procedures, personnel and program management and oversight, occupational health and safety, IACUC functions, and animal facility design and management.

Facility reviews: a physical inspection of all buildings, rooms, areas, and enclosures that are used for animal confinement, transport, maintenance, breeding, or experiments inclusive of surgical manipulation

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