

ANNUAL REPORT
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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

University of North Alabama
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I. Executive Summary

The members of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for the 2022-2023 academic year were as follows:

Ms. Jen Awwad (Staff, 2025)

Dr. Brandon Fisher (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, non-voting)

Dr. Terri Garrison (Faculty at large, 2023)

Dr. Ulrich Groetsch (Chair, Faculty in non-scientific area, 2023)

Dr. Emily Kasl (Faculty w/experience in animal research, 2025)

Ms. Joy Kelly (Staff, 2025)

Mr. Patrick Shremshock (Vice-Chair, Faculty at large, 2025)

No change in the charge of the committee is recommended at this time.

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

1. To review compliance with and administer the Public Health Service Policy on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
2. To examine the Public Health Service Policy on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals annually for policy changes
3. To propose changes in University practices relating to laboratory animals
4. To oversee and enforce the University Animal Welfare Policy
5. To handle proposals the committee may make affecting university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations"
6. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

All business involving the full committee was conducted by email. In 2022-2023, the IACUC reviewed and approved one new applications for research on vertebrate animals at UNA.

IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

Committee Chair Dr. Ulrich Groetsch and Vice-Chair Mr. Patrick Shremshock visited and inspected Dr. Glenn Marvin's research laboratory on October 21, 2022.

The committee reviewed and approved Dr. Glenn Marvin's proposal "Critical visual cues to elicit predatory behavior in spotted Dusky Salamanders (*Desmognathus conanti*)." The vote was unanimous to approve the project and the approval date was October 21, 2022.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

The IACUC has no formal recommendations at this time.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish

A. In the coming year?

Elect a new vice chair for IACUC for AY 2023-2024; Mr. Patrick Shremshock served as vice chair and is scheduled to serve as chair.

Review research proposals that involve the use of vertebrate animals.

Inspect the facilities of those projects that have been approved by the IACUC using form C.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

The IACUC has no recommendations for changing this committee.

VIII. Comments

The forms pertaining to UNA's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee posted on the website of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs need to be proofread and updated.

Section E of UNA's "Animal Use Policy" states:

"Complaints can be submitted by mail to the Office of Sponsored Programs, ATTN: Tanja F. Blackstone, Director, POB 5041, UNA, Florence, Alabama 35632), or by e-mail (tfblackstone@UNA.edu) or by telephone (256-765-4523)."

The “The Annual Protocol Renewal/Termination Protocol Form” suggests to complete and submit the form “to the Office for Sponsored Programs, **Bibb Graves**, Room 208.”