POL-U4520.09 ADDRESSING ANIMAL CARE AND USE IN RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION

Definitions:

**Animals**: Live vertebrate animals used or intended for use for research, teaching, experimentation, or for exhibition purposes.

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**: A committee qualified through the experience and expertise of its members that oversees the University’s animal program, facilities, and procedures. The committee must have at least five members including a chair, a practicing scientist, a person whose primary concerns are in a non-scientific area, a veterinarian, the Research Compliance Officer (RCO), and a non-affiliated community member. Members may serve in serve multiple roles.

**Institutional Official (IO)**: The individual responsible for oversight of the University Animal Care and Use program.

**Investigator**: Faculty, staff, or students under the direction of permanent University employees using animals for research or education.

**Research Compliance Officer (RCO)**: A representative from Research and Sponsored Programs who serves on the IACUC and administers the IACUC operations and research protocols for federal regulatory compliance including retaining IACUC records as required by state and federal law.

**Adverse Events**: The occurrence of an unforeseen event that negatively impacts the welfare of research animal(s) involving pain, distress, and/or death of the animal.

1. **This policy applies to individuals in colleges, departments, and units conducting research or instruction using vertebrate animals.**