

University of North Alabama
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2025

Time of Meeting: 1:00-2:00 pm

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Meeting Attendees:

Present: Dr. Emily Kasl, Dr. Victoria Casson, Dr. Patrick Shremshock, Ms. Joy Kelly, Mr. J. Brian Ford

Absent: Dr. Brandon Fisher, Dr. Hunter Waldman

Guests: none

The special meeting of the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUCU) was called to order at 1:01 pm on Feb. 17, 2025 by Kasl.

Old Business

1. Worked with UNA IT to create an iacuc@una.edu email address. Access will be given to the current chair and the vice-chair.

New Business

1. Review of Dr. Glen Marvin's proposal: "Does the 'flicker fusion camouflage effect' hinder the detection of prey movement by a salamander predator (Spotted Dusky Salamander, *Desmognathus conanti*)?"
 - a. Short discussion; no issues. Unanimous approval
2. Review of current IACUC submission process and forms
 - a. Moving submission process from in-person/through Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs to Online/Canvas
 - i. Casson (motion); Unanimous approval
 - b. Requirements for CITI Training – "Working with the IACUC" and animal-specific modules; Committee members required to take "Essentials for IACUC Members"
 - i. Shremshock (motion); Unanimous approval
 - ii. Dr. Marvin will be given 30 days to comply for previously approved protocol
 - c. Defaulting from annual reviews to 3-year reviews based on current federal guidelines
 - i. Shremshock – Would be good to still give a single year protocol option for short term proposals. Can add this option (1-year proposal or 3-year proposal) to the Protocol Proposal Form
 - d. Revision of submission forms to decrease redundancy in forms/reporting
 - i. Protocol Proposal Form
 1. Per above discussion, will include option for 1-year or 3-year approval period. This form will replace the current Cover Sheet/Application Form, Animal Use Review Form, and Housing Form.
 2. Protocol Proposal Form is only good for a maximum of 3 years and then must be redone
 3. Casson (motion); Unanimous approval
 - ii. Protocol Amendment Form
 1. To be used for minor changes during a 3-year approval period. No changes to form as proposed.
 2. Ford (motion); Unanimous approval
 - iii. Protocol Termination Form
 1. Termination form to be used in place of current annual review form. Submitted either 30 days after research ends or 30 days prior to the end of the 3-year approval period.
 2. Shremshock (motion); Unanimous approval
3. Review of current IACUC Policy
 - a. Changed wording to reflect policy changes as approved above
 - b. Casson (motion); Unanimous approval
4. Updates to the Website will be made in accordance with the above changes.

Adjournment

Next meeting and agenda to be announced. This meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm by Kasl and seconded by Shremshock. Minutes submitted by Kasl.