

University of Michigan

Charge to the University Committee on Use and Care of Animals

The University Committee on Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA) is appointed by the President. The Committee is qualified through the experience and expertise of its members to advise, monitor, inspect, and oversee the University of Michigan animal care program, facilities, and procedures.

The Committee consists of no fewer than ten faculty members serving rotating three-year terms. These members shall be representative of animal users, with not more than three coming from a single University department. The Committee must include one member whose primary concerns are in a non-science unit of the University. There must also be at least one member from the community who is not otherwise affiliated personally or through his or her immediate family with the University. The Director of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM) and the UCUCA Manager serve *ex officio* and provide administrative support from the ULAM staff. Also serving *ex officio*, but without vote, are the Associate Vice President for Research and the Director of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health (OSEH). The Vice President for Research appoints the Chair and Vice Chair.

The role of the Committee includes, but is not limited to:

1. Advising the Vice President for Research on any matter relating to the use and care of animals including programs, facilities, personnel training, and periodic review and updating of the University Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Vertebrate Animals as Subjects in Research or Instruction (UM Policy).
2. Reviewing the University program for humane care and use of animals and inspecting the University facilities in accordance with the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Animals (PHS Policy), the regulations of the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), and UM Policy.
3. Reviewing and either approving, requiring modifications (to secure approval), or disapproving applications to use vertebrate animals in research, training, or testing and proposals for significant changes in on-going activities, in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and UM Policy.
4. Suspending an inappropriate activity involving animals in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and UM Policy.
5. Reviewing concerns involving the care and use of laboratory animals at The University of Michigan.
6. Preparing reports of UCUCA evaluations and actions in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and UM Policy.
7. Maintaining communication with the faculty, staff, students, and appropriate/established School and Departmental Committees on Use and Care of Animals.
8. Selecting a member to serve on the Jody C. Ungerleider Memorial Award Committee for selection of the annual awardee as an outstanding contributor to humane care and use of laboratory animals.