



# East Georgia State College

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## **Animal Care and Use Committee Meeting Minutes 24 September 2020 3 PM Virtual via Zoom**

Members present: John Cadle, David Steptoe, David Altamirano, Shawna Williams, Jimmy Wedincamp

Not Present: Sheila Wentz

Meeting was called to order by John Cadle at 3:00 pm.  
Members were acknowledged and greeted one another.  
Items for discussion:

- Purpose and functions of this committee
- Unfilled committee position: External, *ex officio* member
- Compilation of resources to assist the committee in its work

Chairman Cadle reviewed the purpose of this committee and clarified the narrow scope of the committee's business. There was a question as to whether the committee in any way dealt with service animals on campus. The scope of the committee does not encompass service animals on campus.

The external, *ex officio* member of the committee is not yet resolved. Communications with one potential community member have thus far gone unanswered. Cadle will broaden inquiries to identify an external member willing to serve by October 24.

Cadle brought up the fact that many biological societies dealing with animal research have developed "best practices" for handling the kinds of animals likely to come up in connection with the functions of this committee. Cadle will work on assembling a source book of these resources, most of which are freely available on the internet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

### **Items:**

1. Current Committee Purpose and Functions:  
[http://www.ega.edu/offices/presidents\\_office/standing\\_committees/animal\\_use\\_and\\_care\\_committee](http://www.ega.edu/offices/presidents_office/standing_committees/animal_use_and_care_committee)

The purpose of the Animal Use and Care Committee (AUCA) is to review and evaluate scholarly research proposals involving animal subjects submitted by



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institutional principal investigators. The functions of the AUCA are to recommend policies and procedures as necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose, to review the research proposals, gather additional information as needed to properly consider such proposal, render decisions concerning the initial research proposal, review any changes to the proposal or protocol occurring after initial approval, and review the use and care of animals during the research term.

The Animal Use and Care Committee meets on an “as needed basis” for approval of research projects.

## 2. Membership:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Chairman, Interim Chair of Biology Department	John Cadle
Business Affairs Representative	Sheila Wentz
Director of Plant Operations;	David Steptoe
School of Humanities and Social Sciences representative	David Altamirano, Shawna Williams
School of Mathematics and Sciences representative	Jimmy Wedincamp
External, <i>ex officio</i> member	To be determined

3. External, *ex officio* member

4. Compilation of resources to assist the work of the committee