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**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL FOR ANIMAL CARE AND USE**

**Responsible Executive:** Vice President for Research  
**Approving Official:** President  
**Effective Date:** April 1, 2022  
**Revision History:** New

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this policy is to designate and outline the authority and responsibilities of the Institutional Official for Animal Care and Use.

**II. POLICY (Including any Forms and Attachments)**

The President of Florida State University (FSU) appoints the FSU Vice President for Research, or interim designee, as Institutional Official (IO) for the FSU Animal Care and Use Program. The IO bears ultimate responsibility for the Program, although overall Program direction is a shared responsibility among the IO, Attending Veterinarian, and FSU Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC)

The IO has authority and responsibility to:

- Appoint members of the FSU ACUC
- Allocate resources needed to ensure the Program's overall effectiveness
- Legally commit the institution to meet the requirement of the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Welfare Act and Regulations
- Sign the PHS Animal Welfare Assurance and the USDA Registration Application
- Receive inspection reports and recommendations for the ACUC
- In consultation with the ACUC, determine whether deficiencies are significant or minor
- Forward ACUC reports of uncorrected significant deficiencies to UDSA and other applicable federal funding agencies
- Receive notification of the ACUC decision to approve or withhold approval of animal activities
- Consult with the ACUC regarding suspensions and corrective actions; report to regulatory and applicable funding agencies
- If warranted, subject protocols that have been approved by the ACUC to further review and approval, but may not approve an activity that has not been approved by the ACUC

- Ensure the institution maintains required records for the specified period

### **III. LEGAL SUPPORT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REVIEW OF THIS POLICY**

State of Florida Statute 1004.22, Vice President of Research's Power of Attorney

/s/ Richard McCullough

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