Thiel College Institutional Animal Care and Utilization Committee

Definitions

A. **Adequate Veterinary Care** - The standards set forth in Adequate Veterinary Care by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine and the Animal Welfare Regulations (AWRs).

B. **Animal** - Any live, vertebrate animal used or intended for use in research, research training, experimentation, or biological testing or for related purposes.

C. **Animal Facility** - Any and all buildings, rooms, areas, enclosures, or vehicles, including satellite facilities, used for animal confinement, transport, maintenance, breeding, or work inclusive of surgical manipulation.

D. **Animal Use Protocol Application** - The form completed by a Principal Investigator and submitted to the IACUC for formal review and approval prior to the ordering of animals or initiation of the study.

E. **Animal Welfare Regulations (AWRs)** - Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the authority in the Animal Welfare Act. The Assurance of Compliance document filed with the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) certifying that the Thiel College research program is in compliance with the Public Health Service Policy.

F. **Guide** - The National Research Council’s *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, which serves as one of the sets of standards by which animal care and use programs are developed and assessed.

G. **Institutional Animal Care and Utilization Committee (IACUC)** - A committee appointed to oversee Thiel College’s animal program, facilities and procedures, including the key function of reviewing and approving requests to use animals in research.

H. **Institutional Official** - The President of FHC has the authority to sign the Assurance, making a commitment on behalf of Thiel College that the requirements of the PHS Policy will be met.


J. **Principal Investigator** – A Thiel College staff member, visiting scientist or customer responsible for conducting an animal study in compliance with this policy, the Guide, the PHS Policy, and the AWRs, and who certifies acceptance of this responsibility by signing the Animal Use Protocol Application.


L. **Study Area** - Any building, room area, enclosure or other containment outside of the Thiel College animal facility in which animals are housed more than 12 hours (per AWR’s).