

COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF LIVE ANIMALS
IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH
(Committee of the Senate)

I. POWERS AND DUTIES

1. To advise the Senate on all matters of policy concerning the maintenance and use of living vertebrate animals in teaching and research.
2. To advise the Senate and members of the teaching and research staff on current standards and procedures for the prevention of any unnecessary suffering which may arise in experiments involving living vertebrate animals; and in this regard to assist members of the University in their research work and in carrying out their personal responsibilities within the requirements of the law and of common humanity.
3. To keep a register of University staff and students who are licensed under the Animals (Control of Experiments) Ordinance, Cap. 340.
4. To receive
 - a. copies of research proposals which are submitted to University committees and protocols for teaching experiments which involve use of living vertebrate animals, and to communicate in writing to licensees any comments thereon;
 - b. on request at any time, copies of the protocols of experiments planned or in progress, and copies of the record of experiments required under the terms of the Animals (Control of Experiments) Ordinance;
 - c. copies of annual returns made to the Licensing Authority by licensees and to comment thereon where appropriate.
5. To obtain on request from Heads of relevant Departments, Centres and Units reports on the facilities available for housing living vertebrate animals within such departments.
6. To consider individual research protocols and protocols for teaching experiments submitted to the Committee, to advise investigators and other bodies in the light of approved regulations and, where appropriate, to approve research protocols prior to their submission to funding agencies and teaching experiments protocols prior to commencement of the teaching sessions.

7. When appropriate, to undertake site visits within this University of all animal care facilities and experimental laboratories as a Committee.
8. When deemed necessary, to videotape the process of experiments involving the use of experimental animals.

N.B. The Committee has the power to seek advice as appropriate from specialist advisers.

II. MEMBERSHIP

1. A member of the Medical Faculty Board nominated by the Dean of Medicine (Chairman, appointed by the Senate for two years at a time).
2. One other teacher of the Medical Faculty (appointed by the Senate for two years at a time).
3. One teacher of the Faculty of Science or Social Sciences (appointed by the Senate for two years at a time).
4. One teacher from a Department, Centre or Unit not involved in animal experimentation (appointed by the Senate for two years at a time).
5. Director of the Centre of Comparative Medicine Research (*ex-officio*).
6. One teacher of the Faculty of Dentistry (appointed by the Senate for two years at a time).
7. Other persons co-opted by the Committee as necessary.
8. Vice-Chancellor (statutory).

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