Valdosta State University Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

Standard Operating Procedure Number 002

DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES UTILIZED BY THE IACUC

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use of animals. IACUC approval must be obtained prior to any activity involving the use of animals. Excluded under this definition are activities involving only observation that do not interfere or interact with the animals. For example, using feeders or providing animals with shelter would not be excluded.

<u>Administrative Noncompliance</u> – Acts that do not directly impact the physical or psychological welfare of animals, including, but not limited to, such acts as failing to complete and submit reports and other paperwork in accordance with IACUC procedures and timelines, failing to follow administrative instructions given by the IACUC, the Attending Veterinarian, and/or the IACUC Administrator; and failing to adhere to other related guidelines and practices.

<u>Allegation</u> – Any written or oral statement or other indication of possible animal mistreatment and/or injurious or non- injurious noncompliance made to a University official .

<u>Animal</u> – Any live non-human vertebrate animal used or intended for use in research, training, experimentation, testing, propagation, or related purpose, with the exclusion of embryos, tissue, and other biological samples.

ŠFor embryos, the point in development at which oviparous, ovoviviparous, and viviparous species become regulated animals is specified by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). Viviparous and ovoviviparous species become regulated at parturition from the maternal animal. Oviparous species become regulated when they hatch from the egg. For fish, the VSU IACUC has determined a similar stage in development as the "buttoned-up" stage (when the embryo has fully absorbed the yolk sac and must

<u>Animal Facility</u> – Any building, room, area, enclosure, or vehicle, including field stations and associated structures in which animals are housed for more than 12 hoursthat is assigned for confinement, transportation, maintenance, breeding, or experiments inclusive of surgical

manipulation. This also includes similar areas assigned for animal food preparation and storage. Animal areas containing free-living wild animals in their natural habitat are not (

<u>Sanitize</u> – To make physically clean and to remove and destroy, to the maximum degree that is practical, agents injurious to health.

<u>Univer sity Official</u> – The individual who receives an allegation of animal mistreatment and/or injurious or non -injurious noncompliance. He/she may be a faculty member, department head, academic dean the Attending Veterinarian , any IACUC member, or the IACUC Administrator.

USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Zoonotic Diseases Zoonoses) – Diseases that are communicable from animals to humans under natural conditions.

REFERENCES:

Regulatory Agencies :

ŠU.S. Department of Agriculture

<u>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)</u>

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/

ŠU.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Public Health Service - National Institutes of Health
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/olaw.htm

Laws, Regulations, and Policies :

<u>ŠU.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in</u> Testing, Researc13.4.6 (e)epCID 32 > (w)0.9 (..13 Tc t095 (io)-7wS1 cs 0 0 12g0.003-0 vi)13.7 (s)-6.8 (e)0