

1 **SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Organization and Government Committee**
4 **February 8, 2021**
5 **Final Reading**

AS 1800

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7 **POLICY RECOMMENDATION**
8 **Amendment A to University Policy S14-6,**
9 **Policy and Assurance for Humane Care and Use of Animals**

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11 **Amends:** S14-6

12 **Effective:** Immediately

13 **Whereas:** Federal and state regulations require continuity in university oversight of
14 research; and

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16 **Whereas:** The Associate Vice President in the Office of Research (AVPR) retired at
17 the end of December 2020; and

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19 **Whereas:** The search for a new AVPR is expected to take several months, during
20 which time research oversight will continue, creating the need for a
21 replacement for the AVPR in ensuring the humane care and use of
22 animals; and

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24 **Whereas:** A backup for the AVPR should be created in policy to maintain continuity
25 in the future; and

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27 **Whereas:** The Senate Executive Committee passed a time-limited amendment to
28 S14-6 at its meeting of January 11, 2021 that was later signed by
29 President Papazian to allow for the university to remain in compliance with
30 federal regulations; and

31 **Whereas:** The time-limited amendment is set to expire on the date that the Senate
32 holds a final vote on the amendment of S14-6; therefore be it

33 **Resolved:** That the Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) be
34 designated as the backup for the AVPR, in all cases where the
35 Institutional Official is mentioned in the policy; and also be it

36 **Resolved:** That the text of 4.3 be amended as follows: "The University President
37 designates the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and
38 Research as the Institutional Official with the responsibility to oversee and
39 administer the institution's program of animal care and use. If the AVPR is
40 unavailable to carry out these duties, the VPRI will serve as SJSU's
41 Institutional Official. The Institutional Official will have the administrative

42 and operational authority to: 1) allocate University resources to ensure
43 that the animal care and use program complies with all applicable laws
44 and policies; and 2) define and assign responsibilities and reporting
45 channels essential to the animal care and use program.”

46 **Rationale:** Having a backup for the AVPR will allow for the continuous operation of
47 the mechanism to ensure the humane care and use of animals, and
48 maintain compliance with federal regulations

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50 **Approved:** February 1, 2021

51 **Vote:** 9-0-2

52 **Present:** Altura, Birrer, de Bourbon, Grosvenor, Higgins, McClory, Millora,
53 Okamoto, Sasikumar, Thompson, Taylor

54 **Absent:** Maciejewski

55 **Financial impact:** None

56 **Workload impact:** Additional workload for the VPRI, when the AVPR is unable to carry
57 out their duties.

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