



**Rowan College  
of South Jersey**

Administrative Procedure: 3207

**LIVE ORGANISMS IN THE CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY**

All use of live organisms in the classroom, laboratory, or on College grounds will be subject to the guidelines developed for such use by the live organism care committee.

Each room in which live organisms are used will have the following statement prominently posted:

**Notice of potential health hazard:** *This lab houses a variety of living organisms (plant, animal, protozoa, fungi, bacteria) that might provoke an allergic reaction or cause illness in sensitive persons or cause injury if mishandled or mistreated. Students should handle live organisms only with the instructor's permission and only in the manner indicated by the instructor. Intentional mistreatment of live organisms by any student will result in disciplinary action involving removal from the classroom while the organisms are present. Students susceptible to allergic reactions or who have other reservations about being in a classroom that houses live organisms should discuss their concerns with their instructor at the beginning of the semester.*

Each course syllabi in which live organisms are used will include the following statement:

**Notice of potential health hazard:** *This course uses a variety of living organisms (plant, animal, protozoa, fungi, bacteria) that might provoke an allergic reaction or cause illness in sensitive persons or cause injury if mishandled or mistreated. Students should handle live organisms only with the instructor's permission and only in the manner indicated by the instructor. Intentional mistreatment of live organisms by any student will subject the student to disciplinary action involving removal from the classroom, while the organisms are present. Students susceptible to allergic reactions or who have other reservations about the use of live organisms in the classroom should discuss their concerns with the instructor at the beginning of the semester so that alternative learning experiences can be arranged.*

The animal care committee will develop and distribute forms to provide records and permits for the use of live organisms at the College.

Area: Academic Services  
Approved: 07/01/19

President's Authorization:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Kealey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Board of Trustees Policy Manual, *3207 Live Organisms in the Classroom and Laboratory*  
*The Animal Welfare Act of 1966* (P.L. 89-544)  
*Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. National Institutes of Health.  
*Position Statements*. Association for Accreditation and Assessment of Laboratory  
Animal Care International (AAALAC) International  
*Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook*. 2nd Edition, 2002. Office of  
Laboratory Animal Welfares/Applied Research Ethics National Association.

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