Conflict of Interest with IACUC Issues

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to define what constitutes a conflict of interest. No IACUC member may participate in the review or approval of an animal protocol, non-compliance issue, or report of concern in which the member has a conflicting interest, except to provide information requested by the IACUC; nor may a member who has a conflicting interest contribute to the constitution of a quorum.

Conflict of Interest
PHS Policy on IACUC member conflict of interest states that no IACUC member may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an animal protocol, non-compliance issue, or report of concern for which that member is personally involved. In this circumstance, the IACUC member will recuse himself/herself from the review and vote.

However, to prevent the appearance of conflict of interest, other reasons for recusal during Full Committee Review include:

- IACUC member holds significant financial interest in the project
- IACUC member has a spouse or dependent child who is on the study team
- IACUC member currently serves as a mentor to any graduate students or post-doctoral scholars involved in the project
- IACUC member has any other personal interest or role that leads the IACUC member, in his or her own best judgment, to believe that he/she lacks impartiality

In addition to the above, other reasons for recusal could include:

- IACUC member is from the same department as the Principal investigator being reviewed and feels he/she cannot provide an impartial vote
- IACUC member holds either a subordinate or supervisory role relative to the Principal investigator being reviewed