

Institutional Review Board
January 24, 2008

Present: Roger Allen, Jim Evans, Lisa Ferrari, Marsha Gallacher, Garrett Milam, Karim Ochosi, Ray Preiss, Ann Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements: Roger Allen announced that Sally McCoy has left the university and that Tatiana Kaminsky will be returning to the IRB this term. Lisa Ferrari is now the ex-officio member of the IRB due to some rearranging of duties within the Office of the Associate Deans and Yvonne Swinth is the new faculty senate liaison to the IRB.

Roger Allen brought up a question raised by one of the individuals who submitted a protocol for review. In instances where standardized inventories are being used for a project, is it necessary to provide the board with 10 copies (so that each member can review the inventory independently prior to the meeting) or is there an alternative that is more cost-effective in terms of copying and more environmentally friendly in terms of not using so much paper? The outcome of a brief discussion on the topic was that the board would consider the request on a case-by-case basis. A final determination was deferred in the interest of time. A final determination will be made at a future meeting.

Protocol Reviews:

- 0708-006 The level of language used in the consent form needs to be simplified. A couple of issues were also raised regarding the scientific merit of the proposed study but those issues did not pose a risk to human subjects. **ACTION:** The board voted (8-0) to approve the protocol with modifications. Once the modifications have been made, Allen will review the revised protocol and send the approval letter. Allen will also share the concerns regarding scientific merit with the research advisor for this student.
- 0708-007 The level of language used in the consent form needs to be simplified. The board had some questions regarding the scientific merit of the proposed study but felt that those issues did not pose a risk to human subjects. **ACTION:** The board voted (8-0) to approve the protocol with modifications. Once the modifications have been made, Allen will review the revised protocol and send the approval letter. Allen will also share the concerns regarding scientific merit with student's research advisor.
- 0708-008 The board has significant concerns regarding the potential risks to participants in this protocol despite the revisions that have been made. Members of the board made suggestions a study using the basic idea presented in the protocol that would avoid the potential for negative consequences to the participants and the risk of liability for the researcher and others. **ACTION:** The board voted (8-0) not to approve the protocol in its present form. In addition to informing the student researcher, Allen will also share the board's concerns regarding liability as well as the suggestions made for an alternative but related project with the student's research advisor.

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The next meeting of the IRB will be Thursday, February 14, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wilson