

Minutes: November 7, 2005

Members Present: Patrick Coogan, Jim Evans, Lisa Ferrari, Leon Grunberg, Judith Kay, Kathi Lovelace, and Ray Preiss.

Ray Preiss agreed to serve as Secretary for the November 7th meeting.

Business:

1. Members reviewed and approved the minutes of the meeting on October 3, 2005.
2. Attention turned to protocol 0506-001. Discussion centered on three issues: Age of participants, an unnecessary identifier, and a missing contact identifier in the informed consent form.

Members concluded that the initials of a significant other should be deleted from the questionnaire on social support. There was consensus that the using initials posed little risk, but served no purpose. Preiss suggested that that the authors of the protocol should be offered an opportunity to explain the need for this information. It was agreed: that initials should be deleted unless such a case was made, that participant recruitment should specify students 18 years old or older, and that Associate Dean Finney's name and telephone number should appear on the Informed Consent Document. Protocol 0506-01 was approved (7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain).

3. Attention turned to a discussion of "soft" deception. It was concluded that Expedited Review should maintain current standards and include debriefing. As the IRB Designate was able to identify protocols beyond current standards, IRB members determined that Full IRB Review was appropriate for protocols of this category. Approval of protocols involving "soft" deception was not authorized at the departmental level.

4. Attention turned to a discussion of "passive" informed consent of protocols involving minors. Members concluded that only "active" informed consent was appropriate for protocols originating from UPS authors and for protocols originating elsewhere, but involving UPS faculty, students, or participants. Physical evidence of affirmative informed consent must be obtained and securely archived for all protocols.

5. Attention turned to the issue of ethnographic research conducted off campus. A discussion ensued. It was noted that all research conducted off campus requires Full IRB Review. It was noted that several departments may wish to conduct experiential research at public malls, open spaces, and point-of-purchase locations. It was noted that, historically, the IRB has not excluded student research from IRB review. Thus the potential difficulty involves a hardship to departments sending students off campus to conduct research. With these parameters established, it was agreed to seek resolution of these hardships at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06. The next scheduled meeting of the IRB is Monday December 5, 2005, from 2:00-3:00.

Respectfully submitted 11/08/05,

Raymond Preiss