

Institutional Review Board Minutes
March 5, 2003

Members Present: Cohen, Coogan, Ferrari, Finney, Preiss, Swinth, Woodward

Absent: Kay, Wells

Meeting was called to order at 9:05. The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on February 12, and they were approved as written.

Ferrari made a few preliminary comments about the IRB website. She noted that the link to the federal website doesn't work and that the list of IRB designates wasn't entirely accurate. Preiss commented that he would look into the matter with unprecedented expediency.

0203-003 In the faculty advisor statement, the student signed that section of the protocol. This much have been an enthusiastic oversight in what was an otherwise impressive attempt to revise the proposal to address IRB feedback. Ferrari noted on page 4 of the protocol that the kind of person to be called in the case of an emergency was ambiguous. This should be addressed. The revised version of the protocol was approved.

0203-003 The committee found the protocol to be satisfactory. It was approved in its current form.

The issue of blanket surveys arose again. At least two surveys have surfaced on campus since the last IRB meeting. Two members of the sociology department contacted Preiss and told him that they were addressing this issue. They also told him that they would try to make sure that future surveys complied with IRB guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21.