

Institutional Review Board

Minutes

January 23rd, 2015

Present: Lisa Ferrari, Renee Houston, Jung Kim, Siddharth Ramakrishnan, Brad Richards, Stuart Smithers. Justin Tiehen, Kirsten Wilbur,

Protocols Reviewed (both full board reviews)

1415-041

1415-045 (not approved, more information sought)

Minutes from the previous meeting were not approved, but instead will be approved at the next meeting.

Jung Kim introduced discussion of a project taking place at Bellevue College that offers a three-day training course for biology instructors, teaching them methods that can be used in the classroom. A Puget Sound biology professor (Greg Johnson) had participated in this project, and as part of the project had completed a survey regarding how things had gone using the method in his Puget Sound classroom. The question before the IRB was whether such a project, given the involvement of Puget Sound faculty, needed approval by the Puget Sound IRB. The committee arrived at the conclusion that given the nature of the project, Puget Sound IRB approval was not needed.

The IRB then turned to consider a full board review that had originally been marked as needing only expedited review. Discussion of the challenges posed by the project took most of the meeting, with the end result being that the IRB decided to seek further information before approval could be given.

In the remainder of the meeting, dates and times for our meetings for the remainder of the semester were discussed.

Respectfully Submitted

Justin Tiehen