



OFFICE OF RESEARCH ETHICS

**Annual Report to Senate**  
September 1, 2009– August 31, 2010

Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The REB (Research Ethics Board) Web site is located at:

<http://www.sfu.ca/vp-research/ethics/index.htm>

**1. Current Members**

**Term Ends**

Elected by / from Faculty

Simon Verdun-Jones (Chair)	Arts and Social Sciences	May 31, 2013
Vacant	Applied Sciences	May 31, 2013
Cindy Patton	Arts and Social Sciences	May 31, 2013
Jerry Sheppard	Business	May 31, 2012
Kelleen Toohey	Education	May 31, 2012
Denise Zabkiewicz	Health Sciences	May 31, 2012
Valorie Crooks	Environment	May 31, 2011
Robert Young	Science	May 31, 2013
Gary McCarron	Communication, Arts And Technology	May 31, 2011

Elected by Senate from the University Community

Grace Chen	SFU Alumna	May 31, 2012
Kim Bartholomew	Psychology	May 31, 2011
Gord Pritchard	SIAT	May 31, 2011

Student Member Elected by Senate

Thomas Unsoeld	Student	May 31, 2012
Lorenz Yeung	Alternate Student	May 31, 2012

Elected by Senate from Community Outside the University

Margit Nance (Deputy-Chair)	May 31, 2012
Laurence Turner	May 31, 2011

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Hal Weinberg, Director, Ex-officio (non-voting)  
Barb Ralph, Ethics Officer  
Janet Yule, Ethics Assistant  
Angela Tai, Office Assistant



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The Chair, Dr. Verdun-Jones, was elected for a second term. Ms. Margit Nance was elected as Deputy-Chair.

**2. Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2009  
to August 31, 2010.**

Faculty - 171  
Graduate Students - 274  
Undergraduate Students - 26  
Post Doctoral - 6  
Staff - 13  
Adjunct - 5  
Total applications - 485

**3. Non-Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2009  
to August 31, 2010 - 1**

**4. Courses Approved by the REB under Policy R20.01**

The REB approved 7 course applications from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

**New Initiatives:**

- 1) Panel of Expert Reviewers: Departments and Faculties engaged in bio-medical and health-related research are working with the REB to identify expert reviewers who can be consulted by the DORE and the REB in order to identify the potential risks to participants in those areas of research with respect to which there is an absence of relevant expertise on the part of the REB members.
- 2) Internal Policy Review: A sub-committee of the REB is engaged in reviewing and updating internal policy to maintain efficient service to the SFU research community and in anticipation of the imminent policy update (TCP2) by Tri-Council.
- 3) Development of an on-line tutorial to prepare graduate students for completion of their applications for ethics approval.