



Annual Report to Senate
September 1, 2007– August 31, 2008

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

Ted Kirkpatrick	Applied Sciences	May 31, 2010
Joseph Taylor	Arts and Social Sciences	May 31, 2010
Simon Verdun-Jones (Chair)	Arts and Social Sciences	May 31, 2010
Jerry Sheppard	Business	May 31, 2009
Margaret MacDonald	Education	May 31, 2009
Robert Young	Science	May 31, 2010
Julian Somers	Health Sciences	May 31, 2009

Elected by Senate from the University Community

Bev Neufeld	Dean of Arts/Soc. Sciences	May 31, 2009
Earl Von Tapia	Student	May 31, 2011
Kim Bartholomew	Psychology	May 31, 2011

Student Member Elected by Senate

Bhuvinder Vaid		May 31, 2010
Sean Robertson, alternate student member		May 31, 2010

Elected by Senate from Community Outside the University

Margit Nance		May 31, 2009
Laurence Turner		May 31, 2011

Office of Research Ethics

Hal Weinberg, Director, Ex-officio (non-voting)
Barb Ralph, Ethics Officer
Janet Yule, Ethics Assistant
Eunice Au-Yeung, Office Assistant

2. Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008

Faculty - 215
Graduate Students - 255
Undergraduate Students - 27
Post Doctoral - 9
Staff - 20
Research Assistants - 4
Sessional Instructor - 1

Total applications - 531

3. Non-Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008

Faculty - 2

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

The REB approved 17 course applications from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008

5. Activities

A sub-committee continues to work towards finalizing a revision of the on-line ethics application forms. The revised forms are anticipated to be accessible in late Fall of 2008.

6. Internal Policies Adopted by the REB

1. Age of Consent increased to 16 years of age.

Persons greater than or equal to 16 years of age and less than 19 years of age may, in some circumstances consent to participate as a research participant in the absence of parental consent subject to specific approvals by the REB in that instance. Persons under the age of 16 may not participate as research participants in either minimal or non-minimal risk protocols without parental consent.

2. Data retention

Data to be kept for no less than two years after completion of data collection. If destruction is required prior to this, the request must be directed to the REB for formal approval.

3. Secondary Data Policy

Secondary Data Use policy was approved by the Board at the July meeting. The REB policy is attached for information.