

**Simon Fraser University
Memorandum**

TO: Senate

FROM: Alison Watt, Director, University Secretariat

DATE: 3 February, 2005

SUBJECT: Revision to Committee Research Ethics Policy Review

Dr. Mario Pinto, Vice-President Research has revised the committee membership for the committee to review the Research Ethics Policy. The following motion should be considered by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2005.

Motion

That Senate approve the revised membership for the Committee which will review Policy R20.01 Ethics Review of Research involving Human Subjects.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

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TO: Alison Watt, Director, University Secretariat, Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR) **FROM:** B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

CC: President Michael Stevenson **DATE:** February 1, 2005
Vice-President, Academic John Waterhouse
Faculty Deans

RE: Senate Review of Policy R20.01 on University Research Ethics Review

In accordance with Policy R20.01, "University Research Ethics Review", I propose the following revised committee to review the Policy and Procedures for Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects. The revision is based on concerns that two members of the Research Ethics Board (REB) who were also present as members of the review committee, approved previously by SCAR and Senate, might be perceived to have a conflict of interest. In addition, two of the originally appointed members were not able to serve because of other commitments, and had to be replaced.

The committee will consist of representatives from Departments and Faculties whose research interests involve human ethics concerns, and includes two faculty members with legal expertise. There will also be two faculty senators and one graduate student representative elected by Senate. The committee's mandate will be to review the Policy and Procedures for Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects (R20.01) and:

- assess whether revisions to the Policy are required, and if so
- provide a revised Policy for consideration.

The proposed composition of the committee is listed below.

Chair: Bruce Brandhorst, Chair, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry; Previous REB member; Member CIHR Committee to draft guidelines for Stem Cell Research.

John Dickinson, Director, School of Kinesiology.

Catherine Mateer, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Victoria.

David MacAllister, Assistant Professor of Criminology and Lawyer.

David MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Simon Verdun-Jones, Professor of Criminology and Lawyer.

Dan Weeks, Chair, Department of Psychology

Two Faculty Senators, elected by Senate.

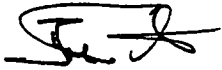
One Graduate Student Representative, elected by Senate.

Hal Weinberg, Director, Office of Research Ethics, and **Bruce Whittlesea**, Chair, Research Ethics Board, will be available to provide information on the past and current policies and procedures of the REB.

The committee's goal will be to circulate a first draft of a report by **May 15** for consultation with the VPs and Deans, and the President. A revised draft incorporating suggestions from this consultative process will then be prepared and sent out for a second round of consultation throughout the SFU research community including faculty, staff, and student organizations. The final draft will then be submitted in **July** to Senate, and the Board of Governors for consideration, revision, and approval.

I trust that the revised constitution of the committee will be acceptable to SCAR.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. M. Pinto', written in a cursive style.

B. M. Pinto
Vice-President, Research