

MEMO

ATTENTION: Senate,
c/o Kate Ross, Registrar and Secretary of Senate

FROM: Simon Verdun-Jones, Chair, Research Ethics Board

RE: Annual REB Senate Report 2008/2009

DATE: October 14, 2009

Dear Kate Ross:

In accordance with Policy R20.01, "Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects", Section 3.6, I am submitting, on behalf of the Research Ethics Board, the Annual Report to Senate. The report spans the time frame September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

Sincerely,


Simon N. Verdun-Jones, J.S.D.
Professor, Criminology
Chair, Research Ethics Board

Enclosure

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OFFICE OF RESEARCH ETHICS

Annual Report to Senate September 1, 2008– August 31, 2009

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, 2010
Ted Kirkpatrick	Applied Sciences	May 31, 2010
Mary-Ellen Kelm	Arts and Social Sciences	May 31, 2010
Jerry Sheppard	Business	May 31, 2012
Huamei Han	Education	May 31, 2010
Robert Young	Science	May 31, 2010
Denise Zabkiewicz	Health Sciences	May 31, 2010
Vacant	Communication, Arts And Technology	

Elected by Senate from the University Community

Bergen Butterfield	Psychology	May 31, 2011
Kim Bartholomew	Psychology	May 31, 2011

Student Member Elected by Senate

Sean Robertson	Student	May 31, 2010
Vacant	Alternate Student	

Elected by Senate from Community Outside the University

Margit Nance	May 31, 2012
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

The Chair, Dr. Verdun-Jones, is nominated for a second term. Ms. Margit Nance is nominated as Deputy-Chair. Both candidates were elected by the Committee for another term of office.



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**2. Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2008
to August 31, 2009**

Faculty - 256

Graduate Students - 331

Undergraduate Students - 43

Post Doctoral - 11

Staff - 16

Research Assistants - 1

Sessional Instructor - 1

Adjunct - 1

Total applications - 660

Total in previous year, 2007/2008 = 531

Increase in applications from previous year:

Faculty = 19%

Graduate students = 30%

Undergraduate students = 60%

**3. Non-Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB September 1, 2008
to August 31, 2009**

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

The REB approved 17 course applications from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

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5. Activities

New on-line electronic ethics registration, application and evaluation system at: <http://www.sfu.ca/vpresearch/ethics/applications/index.html>. The REB can now review and evaluate applications on-line.

6. Internal Policies Adopted by the REB

The REB is developing a sub-committee to review internal policies and make recommendations to Senate.