

November 12, 2009

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Plaza 600F

BROCK UNIVERISTY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

Minutes of the November 12, Meeting, 2009

Attendees:

Bordonaro, Karen
Falk, Bareket
Gallagher, Tiffany
Gregson, Paige
Longboat, Catherine
Mair, Bruce
Malleck, Dan
McGinn, Michelle
Nash, Catherine
Raddon, Mary-Beth
Rose-Krasnor, Linda
Shores, Bevin
Stevens, Julie
Walker, Lori
Williams, Kate

Regrets:

Blayer, Irene
DiBiase, Ann-Marie
Galston, David
Liu, Jason
Mallen, Cheryl
Muir, Cameron
Rawlings, Kevin
Welland, Richard

MINUTES		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	<p>Motion to approve November Agenda (DM, BS) - all in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve October decision reports (DM, MBR) - all in favour</p> <p>Approval of October minutes (with revision to add BM, CM, CN, MBR, KR, and JS to regrets section in minutes)(BS, CN) Approved, opposed, abstentions: (7, 0, 6)</p>	
2	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Update on full board reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The REB Chair updated the Board on the status of previous Full Board Reviews. Both projects have since been accepted. <p>Update on Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Research Ethics Board met with the VP-Research to present the Brock University Research Ethics Board (REB) 2008-2009 Annual ReportThe VP-Research will report this to the Senate Committee on Research and Scholarship. The REB Chair contacted the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate to discuss the reporting process. The Senate Committee has been alerted that the REB has been behind on reporting. The VP-Research has not reported annually about the REB since 2005.The 2008-2009 Annual Report will also be publicly available.The REB's current reporting structure and the proposed reporting structures in the new Draft 2nd Edition of the TCPS were discussed. <p>Discussion with VP Research</p>	<p>REB members were encouraged to inform the office with any issues they wish to add</p> <p>It was discussed that the REB needs to return to this issue at a later date</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p>

		Update from Aboriginal Forum	Deferred to next meeting
		Aboriginal Research Ethics Guidelines	Deferred to next meeting
		Scholarship of Teaching	Deferred to next meeting
3	Deferred Items	Risks arising in protocols involving staged activities	Deferred to next meeting
		REB Survey	Deferred to next meeting
4	New Business	<p>Subject pools – Prof. John Mitterer was present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The instructions for the research participation assignment in PSYC 1F90 was explained to the REB and handouts were given. · It was discussed that Option B – Reflection on Published Research may not be balanced with the requirements of Option A – Research Participation. · This has the potential to cause coercion for students to participate in research (Option A). · It was discussed that approximately 5% of students choose to do Option B, largely because they have run out of time to participate in studies at the end of the course, rather than from issues of coercion. · John explained the pedagogical benefits, and educational opportunity of Option A. · REB members were concerned that students could feel coerced to engage in research. · Alternative suggestions for the Options A and B were discussed. Prof. Mitterer expressed his commitment to make any changes deemed desirable and indicated these could be implemented in this current academic year. 	<p>It was concluded that since Option B has shifted, it seems less comparable to Option A</p> <p>Prof. Mitterer asked the Board to propose changes.</p>
5	Educational Component: FIPPA	<p>Guest Speaker: Marion Hansen, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Marion explained the requirements of FIPPA and how it informs practices of the REB · Any citizen of any country can make a request for information from the institution, however, records related to research are excluded from FIPPA 	REB members were encouraged to email Ms. Hansen with detailed questions
6	Adjourned		