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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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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

<u>Elected by / from Faculty</u> Simon Verdun-Jones (Chair) Ted Kirkpatrick Mary-Ellen Kelm Jerry Sheppard Huamei Han Robert Young Denise Zabkiewicz Vacant	Arts and Social Sciences Applied Sciences Arts and Social Sciences Business Education Science Health Sciences Communication, Arts And Technology	May 31, 2010 May 31, 2010 May 31, 2010 May 31, 2012 May 31, 2010 May 31, 2010 May 31, 2010
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: <u>http://www.sfu.ca/vpresearch/ethics/applications/index.html</u>. 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.