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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	November 13, 2013
FROM	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Revisions to Policy R20.01 – Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (SCUP 13-51)		

At its November 6, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the revisions to Section 15.1(f) and Section 15.2 of the Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (R20.01).

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the revisions to Section 15.1(f) and Section 15.2 of the Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (R20.01).

Encl.

c: M. Pinto



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Jon Driver
Vice-President, Academic and Provost

DATE November 7, 2013

FROM B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

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RE: Minor Revisions to Research Ethics Policy (R20.01)

The *Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)* has advised that we add a new category to the composition of the Research Ethics Board (REB) with respect to membership of adjunct faculty. They advise that up to four positions designated for faculty members on REB may be filled by adjunct faculty. Additionally, the *Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)* recommended that emeritus faculty also be considered eligible to serve as REB members. Accordingly, a new category has been added to Section 15.1 of Policy R20.01 (Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants) to specify the inclusion of adjunct and emeritus faculty as voting members of the REB.

SCAR has also advised a minor update to Section 15.2 in order to remove an ambiguity with respect to subcommittee membership on REB.

Updates to Sections 15.1(f) and 15.2 of Policy R20.01 are attached and the following motion is submitted to SCUP:

Motion:

That SCUP approve the addition of Section 15.1(f) and revision to Section 15.2 of the *Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants* (R20.01) and forward the revisions to Senate for approval.

Attachments: (1)

Dr. B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

REVISIONS TO SECTIONS 15.1 AND 15.2 (POLICY R20.01) – September 2013

15. REB Membership

15.1 The REB shall consist of 20 voting members, endeavouring to represent each gender, plus the DORE and the Associate DORE, who will be *ex officio* (non-voting) members, and one of whom will serve as Secretary. The membership will be constituted as follows:

- a. One faculty member to be elected by and from each of the following Faculties: Applied Sciences, Business Administration, Communication Arts and Technology, Education, and Environment;
- b. Two faculty members to be elected by and from each of the following Faculties: Health Sciences and Sciences (at least one of whom will be from the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology);
- c. Three faculty members to be elected by and from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences;
- d. Three graduate students and one undergraduate student to be elected by Senate;
- e. Four members to be elected by Senate from the community who are not affiliated with SFU;
- f. Up to four positions designated for faculty members (in (a – c) above) may be filled by adjunct faculty members appointed under policy A12.08, or emeritus faculty.

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Comment [1]: New category added to include adjunct and emeritus faculty

15.2 The REB will be divided into subcommittees for a) Biomedical and Health Research, b) Clinical Trials, and c) Social and Behavioural Sciences. When the Principal Investigator is not affiliated with SFU, the REB may choose to have proposals evaluated by external REBs through reciprocal arrangements.

In addition to the Chair or Deputy Chair, each subcommittee will consist of the following REB members, endeavouring to represent each gender:

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Comment [2]: The word "REB" added

- a. at least two members who have expertise in relevant research disciplines, fields, and methodologies covered by the subcommittee of the REB;
- b. at least one member who is knowledgeable in ethics;
- c. at least one member who is knowledgeable in the relevant law;
- d. at least one community member;
- e. one student;
- f. for biomedical and health research and clinical trials: a member with a medical degree and a member with experience in statistics (if not already included in (a) above).