

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

Memorandum

TO: Alison Watt, Director, University Secretariat,
Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR)

FROM: B. Mario Pinto
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CC: President Michael Stevenson
Vice-President, Academic John Waterhouse
Faculty Deans

DATE: December 22, 2004

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 plan of action for review by Senate of the Policy and Procedures for Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Subjects.

A committee will be constituted that consists 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.

Hal Weinberg, Director, Office of Research Ethics; Non-voting member.

Neil Boyd, Professor Criminology, SFU, and Lawyer.

Paul Brantingham, Professor Criminology, SFU, and Lawyer.

John Dickinson, School of Kinesiology.

Lynn Kennedy, Current REB Member; Current Vancouver Police Board Member; Previous Vancouver Councillor.

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

David MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences.

John Nesbit, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, SFU.

Bruce Whittlesea, Chair, Research Ethics Board.

Two Faculty Senators, elected by Senate.

One Graduate Student Representative, elected by Senate.

The committee's goal will be to circulate a first draft of a report by **April 15** for consultation with the VP s 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 **June** to Senate, and the Board of Governors for consideration, revision, and approval.

I trust that the procedure outlined will be acceptable to SCAR.

Thank you.



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ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND RULES AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2004 GIVES RISE TO THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

"that Senate approve the review of Policy R20.01 as outlined above".