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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	March 20, 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 13-17)		

At its March 13, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the revisions to Section 15.1(e) and Section 15.2(e) 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(e) and Section 15.2(e) of the Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants (R20.01).

c: M. Pinto



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Jon Driver Vice-President, Academic and Provost	DATE	March 4, 2013
FROM	B. Mario Pinto Vice-President, Research	PAGES	1/2
RE:	Minor Revisions to Research Ethics Policy (R20.01)		

The *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2)* now requires that the composition of the Research Ethics Board (REB) include members from the external community who are not affiliated with the institution. Accordingly, Section 15.1(e) of Policy R20.01 (Ethics Review of Research Involving Human Participants) has been updated to ensure compliance with *TCPS 2*. The revised Section 15.1(e) now includes four external community members to ensure the subcommittee system can function as envisaged. With three subcommittees, each requiring one community member, no undue burden is placed on any one member and, during times when a community member is unavailable, there are other community members able to serve.

In Section 15.2(e), the student member requirement was revised to ensure that a qualified student, whether undergraduate or graduate, is not excluded from serving on the REB subcommittees.

To this end, the revisions to Sections 15.1(e) and 15.2(e) of Policy R20.01 are attached and the following motion is submitted to SCUP:

Motion:

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

Dr. B. Mario Pinto
Vice-President, Research

REVISIONS TO SECTIONS 15.1 AND 15.2 (POLICY R20.01) – March 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; and
- e. Four community members, who are not affiliated with SFU, to be elected by Senate.

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 members, endeavouring to represent each gender:

- 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).

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