Overview

The Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research (IRB) is responsible for reviewing research projects involving human subjects for compliance with federal guidelines, reviewing and approving grant proposals involving human subjects, and providing faculty information on human research policies and guidelines. The IRB is delegated final authority regarding what research is subject to review and whether that research is in compliance with federal guidelines. Policy decisions are forwarded to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer. Membership consists of one community representative, a representative from the Office of Research and Technology Transfer, and nine faculty representatives appointed to staggered three-year terms by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research.

Note: Guidelines require some faculty familiar with human subject research, some faculty members familiar with the social/psychological dimensions of 25 research, and at least one faculty member from a non-scientific area. The Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research must make appointments consistent with guidelines. The committee elects a chair at the beginning of each year.

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