

Rhode Island College
Institutional Review Board
2017-2018 Annual Report

Committee Members

Dr. Paul Jacques, Management & Marketing (Term 2017-20)
Dr. Amy Burns, External member (as needed for CF reviews) (Term 17-18)
Dr. Susan Dell, Special Education (Term 2017-20)
Dr. Andrea Dottolo, Psychology (Term 16-19)
Dr. Emily Cook, Psychology (Co-Chair, Fall 2017)
Dr. Kevin O'Connor, Unaffiliated member (Term 2017-18)
Dr. R. Susan Pearlmutter, Social Work (Term 2016-19)
Dr. Cynthia Padula, Nursing, Chair (Term 2015-18)
Dr. Sylvia Ross, Nursing (Term 2015-18)
Dr. Marissa Weiss, Student Affairs (Term 2015-18)

Meeting Dates

Fall 2017: 9/15/17; no October meeting date due to no proposals requiring committee review;
11/17/17; 11/20/15; 12/15/17

Spring 2018: 2/16/28; 3/16/18; 4/15/16; 4/20/18; 5/18/18

Summer 2018: June 15, 2018

Summary of Applications

A total of 93 applications were reviewed: 67 original applications; 11 amendments; and 15 renewals.

Numerous other projects were discussed with the IRB Chair and determined not to be subject to federal regulations.

Unanticipated Problems/Adverse Event Reports

No reports of unanticipated problems or adverse events were received.

Noncompliance Reports

No reports of noncompliance were received.

Mandatory Research Ethics Training

Investigators using human subjects are required to complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) on line training program. To date, 2864 faculty, students, or staff have completed the required CITI training modules for human subjects.

Central Falls/ Rhode Island College Innovation Lab

There was one proposal reviewed on behalf of the Central Falls School District.

Institutional Authorization Agreement

No institutional authorization agreements were initiated.

Committee By-laws

By-laws were reviewed with minor changes approved.

Policies/Procedures

Policies and procedures were reviewed, with extensive changes made, most to be consistent with changes to the Common Rule; the revised document was approved on 6/15/18.

Updates

Updates to topaz were drafted, reviewed, and approved, in addition to updates to: troubleshooting; frequently asked questions; consent document. These changes were completed to ensure consistency with changes to the Common Rule. A new course was added to CITI related to the revised Common Rule. Two emails were sent to faculty, staff, and administrators to provide information related to pending changes and regular updates.

Committee Recommendations

Consider adding a student representative to the committee and consider inviting PIs to attend meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Chair of the IRB, Cynthia Padula