

BROCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
Monday, October 19, 2020
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Teams

Minutes of the SREB Meeting

Attendance

Alyssa Bax (non-voting)
Linda Morrice
Dipanjan Chatterjee
Michele Donnelly
Angela Book
Nicole Luke

Lori Walker (non-voting)
Robert Steinbauer
Xiaoyang Xia
Miya Narushima
Christine Tardif-Williams
Elizabeth Shulman

Regrets

Sandra Kroeker
Sandra Bosacki
Jo-Ann Boyle-Jackson
Veronica Panchyshyn
Heather Chalmers

MINUTES		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	<p>Motion to approve Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved <p>Motion to approve September Decision Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 	<p>Motion to approve: LM Seconded: DC All in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: RS Seconded: ES All in favour</p>
2	<p>Discussion Items</p> <p>COVID Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office provided an overview of the continued COVID precautions being taken by the university to mitigate risks to students, staff, faculty, and participants. • Stage 3 research (in-person) continues to be authorized after the appropriate forms are returned from the ADR to the REB office • Brock did not transition back to stage 2 as other universities have done (UofT) because we are not in a hot-spot area and the risk of infection remains low in the city of St. Catharines. • Most of the research that has come through the office as stage 3-5 has been from the HREB rather than SREB. • Concerns brought up by a SREB member that graduate students will feel obligated to participate in some of this research • Office responded that the reviewers/chairs/office can make a note to the researchers in their review when they feel that there is a risk of coercive influence on graduate students and/or other participants. <p>Reviewer Training Presentations – sensitive research topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicidal Behaviour • Outlines that reviewing projects should keep in mind that individuals with suicidal thoughts/ideation need help and reviewers do not need to take on a protective role. • These individuals require the results of research projects to help them in the future. • Asking questions about suicide has not been found to translate into suicidal action. Questions about suicide 	

		<p>actually found to be linked to a decrease in suicidal action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously universities have said that no anonymous suicide research can occur because in the past this has led to unidentified suicides that may be linked to study participation. However, this is not ideal – as Brock has adopted: suicidal research should be anonymous but include resources for helpful connection post-participation and include an option to list their name for follow-up and help if they feel it is necessary. • Discussed that In Canada we are not required to report suicidal intention unless probable and imminent. In the US this is different – IRB's would need to approve protocols prior to commencement and would be required to comment on this topic. • Discussed that suicidal persons are still able to give their consent. • This PDF of a PowerPoint presentation was shared with all SREB members following the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Reporting • This presentation focused on the duty of all Ontario citizens to report child abuse or neglect. If you have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is in need of protect you must report it to children's aid society (CAS). • Forms of harm were discussed to include: 1. Physical harm, 2. Emotional harm, 3. Pattern of neglect, 4. Sexual molestation or exploitation, 5. Failure to provide proper treatment • Applies to any children under the age of 16, and ages 16-17 not mandatory but CAS will be required to assess if in the information is reported [CYFSA, s125 (4)] <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduling discussed. Members encouraged to make every effort to attend the monthly meetings as they are scheduled to fit the most members availability. 	
4	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.	Motion to adjourn: ES Seconded: DC All in favour