BROCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
Wednesday April 20, 2022
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Teams

Minutes of the SREB Meeting

Attendance		**Regrets**
Alyssa Bax (non-voting)	Miya Narushima	Elizabeth Shulman
Angela Book	Nicole Luke	Heather Chalmers
Dipanjan Chatterjee	Robert Steinbauer	Michele Donnelly
Jo-Ann Boyle-Jackson	Sandra Kroeker	Veronica Panchyshyn
Lori Walker (non-voting)		
Linda Morrice		

MINUTES			
ITEM		**DISCUSSION**	**ACTION**
1		**Motion to approve Agenda** • Approved	Motion to approve: MN Seconded: LM All in favour
		Motion to approve January – March Decision Reports • Approved	Motion to approve: DC Seconded: NL All in favour
		Motion to approve January Minutes • Approved	Motion to approve: LM Seconded: MN All in favour MN abstained (absent)

2	Discussion Items	**Detecting, Preventing, and Responding to "Fraudsters" in Internet Research: Ethics and Trade-offs (Teitcher et al., 2015)**
		• Discussed three relevant REB files that have all had issues with online research projects:
		    o An online survey conducted without REB clearance had all participant responses available for download. This issue was sent to Michelle McGinn under RCR.
		    o Online attention checks were included in a study to determine participant payment without being disclosed in the REB application. One participant complained about not receiving payment. The researchers have since paid the participant and discussions are ongoing about the inclusion of the attention checks and the payment implications.
		    o A survey was shared over social media and unintentionally generated hundreds of responses overnight from locations that were seemingly not that of the target population. Researchers would like to only pay those who have Niagara addresses by mailing their compensation to their address. However, electronic payment was outlined in the consent form and the population may be vulnerable. After discussion on potential options, the board feels the participants should be paid via the method that was originally outlined in the consent form. No board members were opposed to the researchers paying the participants as originally stated.	

		REB Guideline for Conducting Research Involving Students – draft finalization
		• Draft was accepted as is with no comments/revisions requested.
		
		TCPS 2: CORE-2022 – Deadline for Completion
		• A new version of the TCPS Core tutorial has been released and all returning members are expected to complete the new version by January 1, 2023.
		• Noted that all student members have reached the maximum number of years they can be on the board so they will not be required to complete the new TCPS2 CORE tutorial.
		
		Other Business
		• SREB chair positions open for 2022-2024
		    o Our current chairs are stepping down from their roles as of September 2022.
		    o Chairs typically come from current board members or at minimum those who have been on the board in the past.
		    o If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, please email Lori (lwalker@brocku.ca).
		    o The new chair(s) will start September 1, 2022, with our new online application system.
		
		• COVID-19 Update
		    o The current ADR research access process will be ending as of April 29, 2022.
		    o A new single form is being developed that will include relevant questions from the previous forms and will be reviewed by the REBs.
		    o The new form will include a biosafety section that will be reviewed by HS&W if necessary.
		    o Brock has committed to requiring proof of vaccination and masks until at least September 2022.
		    o Brock is also supplying N95 masks to students/faculty/staff.
		
		• Online full-board meetings – TCPS Update
		    o In the past, the TCPS has required all full-board meetings to be conducted in-person.
		    o Now the decision for in-person/hybrid/online full-board meetings can be made by the chair(s).
		    o This decision can be made on a case-by-case basis.
		    o Noted that online/hybrid formats honour the contribution we have from community members.
			Motion to approve: DC
			Seconded: MN
			All in favour

3	**Adjourn**	**Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**	