

BROCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
Monday January 17, 2022
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Teams

Minutes of the SREB Meeting

Attendance

Alyssa Bax (non-voting)
 Angela Book
 Dipanjan Chatterjee
 Elizabeth Shulman
 Jo-Ann Boyle-Jackson
 Lori Walker (non-voting)
 Linda Morrice

Michele Donnelly
 Nicole Luke
 Robert Steinbauer
 Sandra Kroeker
 Veronica Panchyshyn

Regrets

Heather Chalmers
 Miya Narushima

MINUTES		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	<p>Motion to approve Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved <p>Motion to approve November Decision Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved <p>Motion to approve December Decision Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 	<p>Motion to approve: LM Seconded: ES All in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: LM Seconded: DC All in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: DC Seconded: ES All in favour</p>
2	<p>Discussion Items</p> <p>COVID-19 – ADR Research Access Process Reinstated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board was reminded of the email that was circulated by the institution on January 6th, 2022, detailing updates based on the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic • A summary was provided in that all projects that received clearance or began the REB review process between September 2021 – January 5, 2022, will need to go through the ADR research access process. • For new applications, researchers must first send the REB application and required COVID-19 related forms to their ADR who will send the documents to HS+W and the REB on their behalf after an initial review has been completed. • For projects that have already been approved, the applications will be reviewed by the office (Manager, REO), unless a modification to the project has been made in which case the project will be reviewed by a chair with the modification. • All researchers have received individual instructions and the REB templates have all been updated this week. • There are some additional updates that are being completed on the website. • The Chair provided an overview of the response other institutions have made based on the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. • Brock will not post-pone research as pausing research based on blanket definitions of vulnerable populations is considered discriminatory. • The definition of full vaccination has not been changed. As of today, two doses are still considered to be full vaccination. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For work done off campus, the Board will ask researchers to follow Brock COVID-19 procedures but to adapt local procedures if they are more stringent. <p>Updated TCPS 2: CORE-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new version of the TCPS CORE tutorial has been released. There are two additional modules (clinical trials and studies on indigenous populations) Implementation of the new training requirement will be gradual across the Brock research community. When the training is released, Board members will complete the training as soon as possible (September 2022 deadline). The phase-in for graduate students will be determined at a future meeting. The training is not yet available. Once the training is released the group will be appraised and asked to complete it as soon as possible. <p>Updated RCR framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCR is an agreement across universities concerning the responsible conduct of research. Institutions must have a policy to enact the RCR framework. A dedicated committee will review the current Brock policy to see if it needs to be adjusted based on recent revisions. If there are any non-compliance issues or breaches in the TCPS this will be passed on to the AVPR who will enact the policy based on the severity of the transgression. The Board may then be required to provide more information as requested. The final decision on required next steps would be made by the provost (if an investigation is required). The Board itself is never responsible for sanctioning researchers. Sanctions are based on the severity of each individual case and can range from apologizing to impacted participants to not being allowed to publish results from the project. In most cases, researcher education is deemed appropriate. Brock must annually report the number of cases that are processed. Typically, there are 3-5 per year. Any confrontation or disputes regarding Board decisions are elevated to the Chair who responds on behalf of the Board. Decision reports are ratified so that all decisions are owned by all Board members. <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
3	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.	Motion to adjourn: LM Seconded: ES All in favour