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December 12, 2001 – October 31, 2002

The Research Ethics Board (REB) conducted its inaugural meeting on December

12, 2001. The REB Web site is located at:

<http://www.sfu.ca/vp-research/ethics/index.htm>

SFU policy 20.01 defines the REB as 12 voting members and the Director of the

voting members are composed of six members elected by each Faculty, 3 members elected by Senate from the university at large, who may be faculty or staff, one student member and two members elected by Senate from the community outside the university.

Members

Faculty Members (elected by Faculty)

Two Members from the Community Outside of the University

Lynne Kennedy
William (Bill) Melville

Director, Office of Research Ethics
Hal Weinberg

Ethics Officer
Barb Ralph

Resignations from the REB

Dr. Zemin Davis, Faculty (Community at Large) (Philosophy), resigned September, 2002.

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Dr. Kathleen Akins, member from the University community at large (Philosophy), resigned September, 2002.

Ms. Wendy Gibbons, student member (Geography), resigned September, 2002.

Minimal Risk Applications Approved by the REB December 12, 2001 to
October 31, 2002

Faculty - 128
Graduate Students - 164

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The REB approved the following 34 course applications from December 12, 2001 to October 31, 2002:

BUS 487, 801, 847, 848, 904
EDUC 811, 822, 844,
ECON 428
CMNS 200, 354, 362, 447, 454,
CMPT 363, 873
CRIM 320, 332, 417, 862
GEOG 241, 383, 405
GERO 400
SA 101, 218, 255, 347, 356, 357, 364
URB 620
PSYC 201
WS 200

**Research Ethics Board (REB) Issues and Actions Taken at Regular
Meetings of the Research Ethics Board
December 12, 2001 and October 24, 2002**

The REB clarified the interpretation of several sections of Policy R 20.01 and its procedures during the course of its first year of operation including:

1. What constitutes data in the public domain?

When research is considered to be under auspices of the university

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12. It was agreed that normally all communication with research participants

including consent and information documents shall be in writing unless circumstances of the research prevent this. The REB authorizes the DORE to approve non-written consent statements in minimal risk applications

14. It was agreed the deadline for submission of Course applications to REB for approval is April 1 for Spring Semester and August 1 for Fall Semester.
15. It was agreed that the deadline for submission of REB Ethics Approved