

Institutional Review Board
2008-2009
Year-End Report

I. Members:

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II. Activities:

A. The committee reviewed applications for approval to conduct research involving human subjects from individuals planning projects for school courses, and faculty working on individual or departmental research projects.

1. Faculty member Dr. Paul Reneau submitted an application and was approved for a minimal risk study on May 19, 2008.

2. On August 7, 2008, Jamie Lynn Shapiro, a WVU doctoral student, was given a minimal risk exemption based on WVU IRB approval to collect data at Fairmont State.

3. Sixteen students in foundations of psychology submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on October 8, 2008.

4. Director of Falcon Center, Robin Yeager submitted an application and was approved for a minimal risk study on October 8, 2008.

5. Faculty member Dr. Clarence Rohrbaugh submitted an application and was approved for a minimal risk study on October 8, 2008.

6. On October 23, 2008, Nitin Srivastava, a WVU Faculty member, was given a minimal risk exemption based on WVU IRB approval to collect data at Fairmont State.

7. Faculty member Dr. Tadashi Kato submitted two applications and was approved for minimal risk studies on both applications on December 12, 2008.

8. Dr. Paul Reneau's exercise physiology class of 17 students submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on February 18, 2009

9. Seventeen students in foundations of psychology submitted applications and were approved for minimal risk studies on March 11, 2009.

10. FSU graduate student Joshua Smallridge submitted an application and was approved for a minimal risk study on March 11, 2009.

11. On April 27, 2009 faculty member Kari Coffindaffer, a WVU doctoral student, was given a minimal risk exemption based on WVU IRB approval to collect data at Fairmont State.

B. The committee individually reviewed applications in .DOC, .RTF, or .PDF format sent over University email. Email was used by committee members to provide feedback on all applications.

C. The Fairmont State University IRB organizational registration was renewed with the United States Office for Human Research Protections on May 1, 2009 under the identification number IRB00005140.