Minutes from 12/07/06 Meeting of the IRB

Members in attendance: Bob Conway, Cori Enright, Mary Lenzi, Kathy Lomax (ex officio), Joan Riedle (Co-Chair), Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Jason Thrun, and Amanda Trewin (Co-Chair)

Guest in attendance: Rob Hasker

Meeting called to order at 1:00.

This was a special meeting to discuss concerns presented by Rob Hasker, our informational letter to faculty, and a memo for inclusion in UWP grant proposals.

1. Rob’s concerns include:
   a. In eliminating the “exempted” review category, the IRB may have overstepped its authority and created unnecessary obstacles for faculty researchers.
   b. Does the IRB have the authority to decide if a project is exempted, or is that decision left to the researcher?
   c. Should informed consent be required if a project is not hazardous (presents no more than minimal risk)?
      (Note: the question is not should the documentation of informed consent be waived, but should the requirement for informed consent be waived.)
   d. Under what circumstances can the requirement for informed consent be waived?
   e. Where in the IRB Policies and Procedures should the waiver of informed consent be addressed?

   Much discussion followed; discussion will continue at a later meeting.

2. Informational letter: Sufficient time did not remain to approve or revise the letter; we’ll meet again for that purpose.

3. Memo for inclusion in UWP grant proposals: Sufficient time did not remain to approve or revise the memo; we’ll meet again for that purpose.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45.
Minutes prepared by Joan Riedle