IRB Meeting, December 16, 2010
Ullsvik 1510, Foundation/Alumni Conference Room, 3pm
Minutes

Present:  
IRB Members: Barb Barnet, Chair, Kathy Lomax, Vickie Dreessens, Sean Shiverick, , Joan Riedle, and Dee Bernhardt

Expected Absences: Yuanyuan Hu and PB Ravikumar
Absent: Irfan Ul-Haq, Florence Omachonu, Steven Benish and Chanaka Mendis

** Because we do not have a quorum, we may not vote on any items today. **

1. Minutes 11/18/09
Minutes were approved by consensus.

2. News & Announcements
a. Protocol Update: We have received 33 Protocols to date. 30 have been reviewed and 3 are awaiting revisions for approval.
b. Other: Kathy Lomax reported that her department will be hiring a Grant Proposal Development Officer. They have 26 applications and are very excited.

3. NSF Requirements for all students involved in research projects to be trained on responsible and ethical conduct in research.
- Information was sent out to the IRB on the National Science Foundation requirement for responsible and ethical conduct in research.
- Right now, this requirement only applies to NSF-funded research. Starting on January 4, 2010, UWP will be unable to get funding if a plan to offer this training is not in place. We must also submit evidence that IRB reviews projects submitted to NSF.
- This week, a project grant of $600,000 was received to fund scholarships over a 5-year period. Another $400,000 grant is pending, making this a high-priority issue for us.
- Vickie did some research on the web and discovered that Madison, Milwaukee and the Extension already have IRB resources for students. Joan wondered if the on-line training for researchers might fulfill this requirement. Dee asked about the nature of the request.

- Kathy explained that she brought this to us for response because we are a good position to offer feedback and the deadline is fast approaching. She agreed that we should require this training only for students working with NSF-funded projects.
- Several people brought up the fact that faculty tightly supervise all research, especially human-subject research, and they are required to do the on-line training, so training students seems redundant.
- Barb added, although it might be too long, there are on-line materials available geared toward Ethics and research-oriented that anyone can use:
  - Modules through the NSF Center on Material and Devices:
    1) Rights and Obligations
    2) Collaboration, communication and Grants Management
    3) Intellectual Property.
We’d have to come up with a UWP-specific portion to this training, and some kind of accountability (e.g. a certificate).

Consensus:
- We recommend the National Institute of Health Web-based Training Course on Protecting Human Research Participants.
- Requiring UWP students to take online training will be easier to track, but what happens when non-UWP students are also involved in projects?
- We support requiring this training for students involved in NSF-funded projects and faculty who teach research classes.
- We will continue to research the best on-line resource, post a link on the website for IRB, Sponsored Programs and the Animal Care and Use Committee.

6. Homework
Search for online free resources – start with web-based, collaborative IRB Training Initial Courses. If/when you find any, pass them along to Barb Barnet for our next meeting.

7. Adjournment
Joan moved to adjourn.
Sean seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Bernhardt, January 20, 2010