At its meeting of October 24, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Senate Management Recommendation presented by Senator David for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

CREATING AN INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD-HUMAN SUBJECTS TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Research involving human subjects is an important and essential component of San José State University’s mission; and

WHEREAS, Protection of the physical, psychological, and social well-being of research subjects is an ethical and legal imperative; and

WHEREAS, The SJSU Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (F90-4) has not been systematically reviewed and updated in the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, There have been changes in Federal policies and in institutional practices since 1990, most recently in June, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The SJSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the protection of human subjects reviews over 300 protocols each year, and this number is expected to increase in the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED That an IRB Task Force be created to (1) review policies and procedures related to the IRB in light of changes in Federal policies and institutional practices at other colleges and universities; (2) study the current implementation of IRB policies and procedures at SJSU; and (3) determine whether any changes are warranted in policies and procedures.

RESOLVED That the Task Force consult widely with faculty, staff, administrators, and students across campus about issues related to IRB policy and procedures, including (but not limited to): (1) consistency with current Federal policies and with current practices and interpretations related to those policies; (2) whether campus procedures adequately address the needs of diverse disciplines and constituencies in an effective, efficient, and accessible manner; (3) the procedures for exempt protocols, and
expedited review; and (4) if so, make specific recommendations and draft new policies and procedures; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Task Force study IRB policies and practices at comparable universities; and be it further

RESOLVED That the following people be members of the Task Force with members to select a chair for the task force:

Associate Vice President and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
IRB Coordinator
Chair, Senate Year 2005-2006, Curriculum and Research Committee
Survey Research and Evaluation Specialist (or designee)
One faculty member from each College with efforts made to identify someone
with experience related to the protection of human subjects
One current member of the IRB
Two students, at least one at the graduate level, nominated by the Colleges and selected by the Curriculum and Research Committee

The Task Force is encouraged to convene subcommittees, advisory panels, forums, or other means of soliciting input to assure representation of the many groups that may be affected; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Task Force issue a report to the Curriculum and Research Committee by the end of Fall 2006 and then be dissolved.

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Public Welfare, Department of Health and Human Services, Part 46, Protection of Human Subjects was revised June 23, 2005 to be effective on June 23, 2005 and which can be found at: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.htm and a guidebook on these issues to be found at: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/irb/irb_guidebook.htm

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Present: Emily Bruce, Peter Buzanski, Robert Cooper, Debra David, Michael Kaufman, Caroline Le, Shauna Moriarty, Bill Nance, Pam Stacks, Howard Turetsky, Dominique Van Hooff, Beth Von Till
Absent: Xiaolu Hu, Sigurd Meldal
Vote: 12 0-0
Financial Impact: Unknown