

1 **SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Organization and Government Committee**
4 **February 8, 2021**
5 **Final Reading**

AS 1801

7 **POLICY RECOMMENDATION**
8 **Amendment C to University Policy F17-1,**
9 **Protection of Human Research Subjects**

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11 **Amends:** F17-1

12 **Effective:** Immediately

13 **Whereas:** Federal and state regulations require continuity in university oversight of
14 research, and

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16 **Whereas:** The Associate Vice President in the Office of Research (AVPR) retired at
17 the end of December 2020, and

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19 **Whereas:** The search for a new AVPR is expected to take several months, during
20 which time research oversight will continue, creating the need for a
21 replacement for the AVPR for protecting human research subjects, and

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23 **Whereas:** A backup for the AVPR should be created in policy to maintain continuity
24 in the future, and

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26 **Whereas:** The Senate Executive Committee passed a time-limited amendment to
27 F17-1 at its meeting of January 11, 2021 that was later signed by
28 President Papazian, to allow for the university to remain in compliance
29 with federal regulations, and

30 **Whereas:** The time-limited amendment is set to expire on the date that the Senate
31 holds a final vote on the amendment of F17-1, therefore be it

32 **Resolved:** That the following sentence be added in Section 3.3 designating the Vice
33 President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) as the backup for the
34 AVPR: "SJSU's Institutional Officer, the Associate Vice President for the
35 Office of Research, has administrative authority for the protection of
36 human subjects. If the AVPR is unavailable to carry out these duties, the
37 VPRI will serve as SJSU's Institutional Officer," and also be it

38 **Resolved:** That all instances of the term "AVP of Office of Research" be replaced by
39 "SJSU's Institutional Officer."

40 **Rationale:** Having a backup for the AVPR will allow for the continuous operation of
41 the mechanism to protect human research subjects, and maintain
42 compliance with federal regulations

43 **Approved:** February 1, 2021

44 **Vote:** 9-0-2

45 **Present:** Altura, Birrer, de Bourbon, Grosvenor, Higgins, McClory, Millora,
46 Okamoto, Sasikumar, Thompson, Taylor

47 **Absent:** Maciejewski

48 **Financial impact:** None

49 **Workload impact:** Additional workload for the VPRI, when the AVPR is unable to carry
50 out their duties.

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