Institutional Review Board Minutes November 13, 1997

Present: Ann Ekes, Ernie Graham, Paul Hansen, Suzanne Holland, Melissa Weinman, Tom Wells.

Minutes of October 15th, 1997 were read and approved.

Proposals considered:

9798-012

Withdrawn by researcher.

9798-009

A question was raised regarding how non-Psychology 101 students would be recruited. The concern was that the researchers' Subject Recruitment Statement could be interpreted as allowing the active recruitment of specific individuals. It was discussed that through such individual recruitment potential subjects may be put in position of disclosing information which they would prefer not to publicly disclose. It was suggested that this risk could be minimized by the researchers not personally recruiting individual subjects.

A question was raised as to the difference between the sample group and the subject pool whose data would be analyzed. In their proposal the researchers had stated that they would exclude data from subjects based on specific age, sexual orientation, and marital status parameters. Since the research asked questions which could be considered as asking about sensitive personal matters, it was brought up that sampling subjects who's data would be exclude a priori exposed these subjects to a slight, but needless risk by having them participate in this research project. It was suggested that by stating on the Sign-up Form that the researchers were looking for subjects of a specific age, sexual orientation, and marital status would solve this potential problem.

It was also noted that the fourth researcher's signature was missing. The committee chair reported that the faculty advisor had stated that this was due to the fourth researcher being off campus when the forms had been submitted and had been unavailable to sign-off on the form. It was asked that the final form be signed by all of the researchers.

Vote: Yes-6, No-0 with the request that the authors comply with the above suggestions of the committee.

9798-012

The question was asked if this subject pool was the same as that used in proposal 9798-09. It was reported that the subject pools were the same. It was suggested that the recommendations for proposal 9798-09 would then apply.

It was noted that the fourth researcher's signature was missing. The committee chair reported that the faculty advisor had stated that this was due to the fourth researcher being off campus when the forms had been submitted and had been unavailable to sign-off on the form. It was requested that the final form be signed by all of the researchers prior to acceptance.

Vote: Yes-6, No-0 with the request that the researchers comply with the above suggestions of the committee.

9798-011

It was asked that a sentence be included which stated that CPR and First Aid trained personnel would be present during the testing of subjects be included in the proposal as had been suggested for proposal 9798-007 during the October 1997 meeting.

Vote: Yes-6, No-0 with the request that the researchers include the above statement. It was pointed out that the placebo that was to be used was not specified. It was asked that the researcher amended the proposal by specifying the placebo in terms which would be suitable for a refereed publication in the researcher's discipline, for example, 'the placebo consisted of water and inert flavoring' or 'the placebo was not metabolically active and had no physiological effects'.

Vote: Yes-5, No-1 to request that the researchers amend the proposal to include the above recommendation.

The next IRB Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16th, 1997, at 1:00 pm.

Ann Ekes adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hansen