

**Institutional Review Board minutes
February 25, 1997**

Members Present: Ekes, Dettori, Finney, Graham, Hansen, Neal Preiss

Ekes called the meeting to order at 3:30

Research Proposal 9697-022 was approved (6 yes; 0 no).

Subcommittee reports Review of Guidelines Subcommittee:

Ekes reported that the subcommittee is in the process of revising the guidelines document and application format. Some of the material presently in the guidelines would be moved into a separate document for IRB members and departmental designates. Other material in the document would be moved into an appendix. In addition, the subcommittee is planning to include consent forms that are more representative of research presently being conducted at the University.

Report of the Outreach/Education subcommittee: The subcommittee report is appended hereto. Attention narrowed to projects that might be accomplished this semester including resubmitting to the faculty the survey concerning research activity in the University community and attempting to establish an IRB web page which would detail some of the responsibilities of the IRB, and faculty and students who are conducting research with human participants.

Report by Hansen on the IRB and animal research. One area of confusion is in which Federal institutional requirements are to be followed at UPS. Specifically, the Animal Welfare Act does not cover the care and use of rats, mice, or birds for teaching and research, but these species are covered by regulations from the Public Health Service. The American Psychological Association is putting together a manual which directly addresses the issue of animal research in the small college. Hopefully that document will provide the University with more guidelines.

There was a discussion concerning the legal requirements versus the ethical requirements for animal use in research and teaching whether or not the particular species were covered by Federal regulations. There was consensus of the Committee that the use of all animals on campus must be done ethically and that the animals must be treated humanely. While, by self report, this appears to be occurring across campus, a means of quantitatively assuring this was not apparent, especially for a small college such as UPS, where there is a minimal use of research animals, and those animals are used primarily for teaching.

Ekes adjourned the meeting at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Graham