

Institutional Review Board

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Key Terms

- Human Subjects are living individuals about whom an investigator conducting research obtains (1) data from an intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable information.
- Research is defined as systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to new knowledge.

Purpose of IRB

- Protection of the rights of human subjects in DCCC-affiliated research studies.
- Review all human subjects-related research activities involving DCCC faculty, staff, and/or students
 - Research located on campus
 - Done in collaboration with other universities
 - Research done by other institutions
 - Funded and non-funded

IRB Guidelines

- All research on human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the IRB **before** participants can be recruited and data collection started.
- Under **no** circumstances may you begin your research or allow a research to be conducted in your class without an IRB approval.

Activities not requiring IRB approval

- Student class evaluations to provide instructor feedback
- Satisfaction surveys to guide administrative decisions

Members of DCCC IRB

- Teaching Faculty, Counselor, Institutional Effectiveness, Student Affairs, and Librarian.
- Chuck Baker, Betty Brown, Erica Danowitz, Jennifer Snyder, Ralph Marano, Chris Tokpah

What does the IRB look for?

- Risks minimized (coercion?)
- Risk vs. Benefits ratio
- Equitable participant selection
- Informed Consent process appropriate
- Privacy, confidentiality, safety - maximized
- Safeguards for vulnerable subjects
- Research design - scientifically sound

Approval Process

- IRB forms will be available on the IE website or you can contact me via email
- Get approval BEFORE human subjects' research begins.
- Allow ample time for process (1 month)
- Approval for 1 year
- Contact the IRB for consent if you make any changes to a previously approved proposal.



QUESTIONS???

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