



## Administrative and Non-Academic Committees and Councils

The University of Texas-Pan American  
Committees and Councils Project

### Human Subjects Committee (Institutional Review Board)

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#### Purpose

The purpose of the Human Subjects Committee is to serve as an institutional review board for all research involving the participation of human subjects.

#### Members

Grant Benham	Psychology Department
Ken Grant	History Department
Stephanie Brickman	Educational Psychology
Roy Cain	Psychology Department
Richard Trevino	Learning Assistant Center
Patricia Canales	Pharmacy Department
Cecilia Rackley	University Advancement
Joanne Rampersad-Ammons	Chemistry Department
Sandy Hansmann	Rehabilitative Services Department
Douglas A. Young	Outside member

#### **Alternate Members**

Margarette Shelton for Hansmann	Occupational Therapy
Marie V. Simonsson for Brickman	Educational Leadership
Cindy Young for Young	Outside member

#### Officers

Grant Benham, Chair

#### Responsibilities

- Review all research proposals which include human subjects in the methodology and approve or reject the project as described. Human subjects research is defined as Human Subject: "A living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains either: a. Data through interventions or interaction with the individual, orb. Identifiable private information." Research: "A systematic investigation, including research

development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.”

- Make recommendations to proposals when needed.
- Review existing University policy and procedures for submitting research protocols that utilize human subjects.
- Evaluate proposals for compliance with NIH, NSF, Federal and/or State compliance guidelines.
- Perform reviews outside of the full committee for research that meets the criteria for exempt or expedited review.
- Report back to research investigators on the status of their approval for use of human subjects in their projects.
- Report to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Graduate Program and Research on the status of all submitted research projects needing human subject clearance.

### Composition and Terms of Membership

### Reporting

The Human Subjects Committee reports through the Associate Vice President for Research to the President.