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| NAME OF COMMITTEE | INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD |
| COMMITTEE CHARGE | <p>The intent of an Institutional Review Board is to ensure a consistent process for vetting and responding to research requests. IRB members at this institution will complete appropriate human subjects research training and then guide such processes as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publishing research • collaborating on research with outside institutions • assisting in the completion of graduate work for employees and with undergraduate research with the purpose of protecting research participants • promoting awareness of the IRB as a resource |
| SCOPE OF AUTHORITY | <p>The IRB ensures ethical standards for research conducted at Bakersfield College and/or by Bakersfield College employees. It also provides a Federalwide Assurance Number (FWA) for grants that require such certification. The IRB meets as needed to review submissions.</p> |
| TASKS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES | <p>The IRB will maintain adherence to the American Psychological Association's (APA) ethical codes and the principles of the Belmont Report, especially with regard to research practices and the use of research with individuals among our campus community, and work to ensure those standards are present in all research conducted at Bakersfield College.</p> |
| COMMUNICATES WITH | <p>The IRB initially registered for certification with the Institutional Review Board with the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) under Health and Human Services. The IRB is not a shared governance committee but readily coordinates with campus policies and practices on the BC campus.</p> |
| MEMBERSHIP | <p>Membership: The board is constituted of a chair and four other members, including at least two Bakersfield College faculty selected by the Academic Senate. IRB members must represent varied backgrounds to promote complete and adequate review of research activities commonly conducted by the institution. Every effort will be made to ensure that the IRB members do not consist entirely of one gender, ethnicity, or profession/research area. The board must include at least one member whose primary concerns are in a scientific area and one member whose primary concerns are in a non-scientific area.</p> <p>The board may include alternate members who may substitute for absent or recused board members.</p> |

*Approved by Academic Senate, 11/18/20
Reviewed by College Council, 11/24/20*