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INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS AND ANIMALS

References: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) 45 CFR 46, Subparts A, B, C, and D, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 21 CFR Parts 50, 56, 312. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA or the Buckley Amendment). U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act (1966), Regulation (C.F.R., 2009) and policies, the Health Research Extension Act (1985), the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS, 2002), the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (NRC, 2011), the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching (2010), Animal Welfare Act and Regulations (AWAR). National Institute of Health (NIH) IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), and Wyoming INBRE, National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that Western Wyoming Community College (the College) is not a research-based institution, but acknowledges that there will be instances where the involvement of human subjects (e.g., students and employees) or animals in research is an integral part of the advancement of educational and scientific research. This policy guides the review and approval of requests to involve human subjects from the College community. This policy also requires the College to ensure animal facilities and programs involved in research maintain the highest standards of animal care and use, and to be operated in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The College shall strive to accommodate investigatory endeavors in an ethical manner. However, the safety of its students and employees shall be the College's central priority. The Board expects that an Institutional Review Board (IRB) shall be one of the standing committees assembled by the College President. All research on human subjects by external investigators must be reviewed and approved by the College's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

The College shall assure that all of its activities related to human subject research, regardless of funding source, will be guided by the ethical principles in [The Belmont Report](#). The College further assures that all of its activities related to federally-conducted or federally-supported human subject research will comply with the [Terms of Assurance for Protection of Human Subjects for Institutions within the United States](#).

The College shall assure that all of its activities related to animal research, regardless of funding source, will be guided by the ethical principles in the [NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#). The faculty and students will comply with all training protocols.

Definitions

External investigators: Those who conduct research for the purpose of a report or study requested by an institution or agency other than College faculty, students and staff.

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