

Resolution F15-C Adoption of an Institutional Review Board at MJC

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- WHEREAS An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a review process to ensure ethical standards in conducting research involving human subjects;
- WHEREAS In November 2009 the [Academic Senate for California Community Colleges](#) (ASCCC) “strongly encouraged local senates to consider the development of local college and district Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committees as a preventative measure to litigation and for the protection of students and community that they serve”;
- WHEREAS The ASCCC in the same resolution also recommended “that development of IRB Committees be a faculty driven consultation process through each local senate in an effort to establish a culture of compliance regarding the protection of human subjects when conducting research and writing grants.”
- WHEREAS [YCCD Board Policy 4-8074](#) states the “District recognizes the importance of protecting research subjects and their rights to confidentiality as required by law.
- The Chancellor shall ensure that the colleges establish procedures to safeguard the rights and welfare of human participants involved in research and other activities related to research projects conducted within the District. Research involving human participants conducted within the District must be reviewed and approved prior to gathering data.”
- WHEREAS Modesto Junior College currently lacks an Institutional Review Board and process;
- THEREFORE Be it resolved that the Academic Senate support the establishment of an Institutional Review Board at Modesto Junior College;
- THEREFORE Be it further resolved that Modesto Junior College adopt “[Modesto Junior College – Institutional Review Board: Investigator Guidelines for Research Using Human Subjects](#)” (also known as the “MJC IRB Handbook”), and the “[IRB Request Form](#)” attached to this document, to guide Modesto Junior College’s Institutional Review Board process.