

RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS DELAYS IN IRB APPROVALS AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, current delays for IRB approval of human subject research protocols, including exempt protocols, now exceed 70 days,

WHEREAS, these delays have a significant negative impact on faculty research and external funding opportunities,

WHEREAS, these delays are prohibitive to student achievement and limit the types of research projects that students can pursue,

WHEREAS, faculty have decided these delays are so long that semester-long courses cannot incorporate human subjects research and this diminishes the value of these courses as part of the curriculum,

WHEREAS, if these delays are not addressed, they will impact not only the current but future academic terms,

WHEREAS, a wide range of constituents across Indiana University experience these delays as the most pressing obstacle to their research endeavors,

WHEREAS, even though the Office of the Vice President for Research is working diligently to improve operations in the Human Subjects Office, improved efficiency will not eliminate the current backlog,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Bloomington Faculty Council urges the administration, President, and Board of Trustees of Indiana University to deploy the appropriate resources and make every reasonable effort to eliminate the IRB approval backlog as soon as possible.