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Role – The Human Research Institutional Review Board (IRB) meets at least twice a year and regularly notifies the College community at-large concerning the responsibilities of faculty, student or administrative researchers whose projects involve biological and/or behavioral research using human subjects, in order to ensure that the procedures followed safeguard the rights and welfare of research subjects and comply with federal regulations.

Responsibilities – The Committee’s responsibilities include:

- The formulation of guidelines and policies that meet federal regulations, incorporate the ethical concerns of the entire Saint Mary’s community, and reflect the particular needs of the College researchers. These guidelines and policies are to be approved by the President of the College in consultation with his designee and the College’s General Counsel.
- The provision of information to researchers as to the appropriate means for protecting the rights and welfare of the subject, securing the effective, free, informed consent of the subject, and fulfilling federal, local and Saint Mary’s standards regarding human research.
- The review of all proposals for human research submitted to the Committee by faculty, student or administrative researchers to assure concordance with aforementioned guidelines. The guidelines specify which research is included and which is exempt from the Committee’s research.
- The maintenance of adequate records and confidentiality. The preparation of a yearly report to the Dean for Academic Development on the research approved.