Resolution to Expand the Number of Members on the University Committee on Human Subjects

Whereas, the recent suspension of human subjects research at Johns Hopkins University, the UCHS has been conducting a thorough review of its procedures and how well current procedures hold to provisions in the Multiple Project Assurance that CU has signed with the federal government to assure compliance to federal regulations for the protection of human subjects in research,

Whereas, continual improvement of those procedures has increased the work load of the current committee, and threatens to increase the average turnaround time on applications to use human subjects in research,

Whereas, the federal agency overseeing protection for human subjects in research is in the process of updating and extending human subjects regulations and prescribes that in order to comply with new and upcoming federal regulations, the UCHS must add members who represent areas of research and expertise that reflect a wider range of areas than can be represented on the committee at its current size.

Whereas, failing to expand UCHS at this time will increase the average turnaround time on applications to use human subjects in research at Cornell,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the UCHS be increased from 12 members to 18 members.

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