Presiding: Dr. Judy Fellows (Chair)
Recorder: Dr. Connie Smith
Members present: Mrs. Sandra Blate (community); Dr. Lynn Clark; Dr. Ann Findley; Ms. Jessica Lasiter; Dr. Claire Stammerjohan, Dr. Eric Pani (ex-officio).
Excused: Dr. Alecia Hibbets
Absent: Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharjee

Called to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Proposals Requesting Renewal

A. Proposal from Dr. Lynn V. Clark – 11 month renewal
   1. “Cross Cultural Experiences of International Teachers in High-Need Schools”
   2. Comments:
   3. Decision: Approved

B. Proposal from Dr. Lynn V. Clark – 11 month renewal
   1. “Impact of Professional Development School Program on Student Literacy”
   2. Comments:
   3. Decision: Approved

C. Proposal from Dr. Jana Sutton and Dr. Arturo Rodriguez
   1. “University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) Helping Educators and Learners Prevent Suicide (HELPs)”
   2. Comments:
   3. Decision: Approved

II. New Proposals

A. Proposal from Dr. Johanna Boul	
   1. “Factors Contributing to Job Satisfaction of Speech-Language Pathologists Within Ouachita Parish School Settings”
   2. Comments:
   3. Decision: Approved

B. Proposal from Dr. Johanna Boul	
   1. “How are Speech and Hearing Clinics Across the United States Treating Clients with Dysphagia?”
   2. Comments:
   3. Decision: Approved
C. Proposal from Dr. Linda Bryan
1. “The Relationship Between Diet and the Behaviors of Individuals with Autism”
2. Comments: Change age to 18+ to exclude children; need more detailed information under section “Statement of Possible Risks and Benefits”.
3. Decision: Approve contingent upon suggested changes. Dr. Smith will contact.

D. Proposal from Dr. Linda Bryan
1. “Augmentative and Alternative Communication: An Evolution”
2. Comments: Seems to be a conflict of interest (instructor/student relationship) which outweighs the benefits. Not clear where the benefit is to the body of knowledge using only 1 subject. Would like researcher to identify why this participant was selected and would like a more detailed/rigorous informed consent stating, “Participant/parents expect no preferential treatment”, “Participant can withdraw at any time with no further obligations”, etc.
3. Decision: Table until the researcher provides further information. Dr. Smith will contact. Information will be distributed to the IRB electronically and a decision will be made.

E. Dr. Joseph McGahan
1. 4th JDC Caseflow Management Project
2. Comments: Need to describe participants (age, gender, ethnic minority) and check off “Special Consideration” categories on page 1. Need a formal letter of support on letterhead.
3. Decision: Approved contingent upon suggested changes. LaWanna will contact.

F. Proposal from Mr. Brian Coyne
1. “Plasma Nitrite-Reserve and Vascular Function Before and After Handgrip Training in Persons With Heart Failure”
2. Comments: LSU IRB has already approved
3. Decision: Approved

III. Old Business
A. IRB Policies and Procedures Changes
   a. Dr. Smith will assign sections of the IRB Handbook to committee members for review and editing. These reviews will be discussed at the next IRB meeting, February 9th.

IV. Other Business
A. Spring semester meetings
   1. 11:00 on February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11

B. Other

V. Adjourned at 11:30am.