CONTACTS FOR IRB INFORMATION AT PEER INSTITUTIONS REGARDING RELEASE TIME/COMPENSATION FOR IRB CHAIR

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No official policy regarding release time, negotiated individually as needed.

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“We don’t have a written policy it has depended on the Chair’s teaching and research responsibilities. In the past we have paid for a teacher assistant or a research assistant for the Chair in order to help relieve them in some way so they are able to focus their IRB responsibilities”

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“Our institution does not provide release time for the IRB chair. I am not aware that we have ever considered it. We do pay him a flat fee each semester, regardless of the work load”

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“We do compensate our Chairperson by paying for a % of his salary. “I do not have the specifics and you may not need any more than this. However, I am caching the Director of the Division, Dennis Freeman, in case you need more information and want to contact him directly at dfreeman@research.usf.edu”
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"Sadly to say, our policies are in great need of revision. We will soon be using an online submission software program (iMedRIS) that we just purchased, so I plan to revamp all the policies once that is going.

We have a Vice-Chair who was our Chair for 2 years before she left to go to another university. Since we didn't feel we had anyone else on the board who was qualified or willing to put in the 6-17 hours a week to do the expedited reviews, we contracted with her to continue doing this for us and she is paid. We send packets back and forth by FedEx. In the meantime, we now have a Chair in training that we have delegated as a reviewer and our Chairman runs the IRB meetings and reviews a few of the expedited ones (she is in nursing so she mostly does the medically related ones). Very few studies go to full board review as we do not yet have a medical school.

We expect that our Vice-Chair will decide to stop doing the reviews in August, but we may just keep her on contract to do the overload ones when we are particularly busy. She will be able to do them online. We are giving one release time credit per semester to the Chair and one to the Chair in training."

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