The ad hoc committee on IRBs is charged with reviewing the Education and Social/Behavioral Science Institutional Review Board (ED/SBS IRB) to assess the efficiency of its procedures and standards. The ad hoc committee will consult IRB members and staff, as well as investigators who have had proposals reviewed by the ED/SBS IRB, and compare the procedures and standards used at UW-Madison with those used at other major research institutions. The committee will submit a report containing its recommendations, if any, on the ED/SBS IRB’s procedures and standards to the University Committee by April 30, 2016.

Specifically, the committee is charged with ~~investigating~~ analyzing and reporting on the following:

* comparison of UW-Madison policies to other external policies (AHARP and OHRP);
* the IRB’s application of standard of risk;
* ~~appropriateness of~~ level of protection of UW-Madison institutional interests ~~of the UW-Madison~~;
* ~~consistency of~~ application of standards;
* opportunities to share best practices with similar IRBs at other institutions; and
* mechanisms for accepting and reviewing feedback from constituencies.

Following the completion of this charge, a subsequent committee will be charged with a similar review of the Health Sciences IRB.

MEMBERSHIP: TBD. (Five faculty members, some if not all with IRB experience; UC representative?; academic staff?)