

GRADUATE COUNCIL

May 4, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair

Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair

Graduate Council

Re: Proposed Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research

Graduate Council reviewed the Proposed Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research at their April 16, 2020 meeting. The Council noted that Page 5 includes a statement that indicates that an institution can still review and disapprove a research project that already has IRB approval. The members of the committee are concerned this is open ended and appears very broad in scope. There are no guidelines about when this option by an institution might be executed. A clear rationale for this in the document needs to be indicated.

The committee raised concerns that there are campus-by-campus variations in how off-campus and exempt human projects are administered. It would be helpful to have more coordination in an effort to improve assessment of how these procedures are implemented.