1. **General Information**

a. Name: The name of this committee is Jacksonville State University Institutional Review Board (IRB).

b. Purpose and Scope: The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a committee that reviews all JSU research involving human participants and is responsible to the President. The purpose of the IRB is to assure that research is conducted in an ethical manner, specifically in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services regulations (45 CFR 46 Protection of Human Subjects and 45 CFR Part 46 Subpart A). This includes ensuring that risks to participants are minimized, the selection of participants is equitable, and participants are informed fully of what their participation will entail.

The policy on the use of human subjects in research applies to any activity deemed to be research at Jacksonville State University. The applicability of this policy is to all entities of the university: faculty, administration, staff, students and contracted consultants. This policy applies to any research activity using human subjects that is directly or indirectly supported by the university.

The full text of JSU’s “Policy on Use of Human Subjects in Research,” along with an online application, is available on the Academic Affairs web site at:

http://www.jsu.edu/academicaffairs/irb.html and is reviewed and updated annually.

c. Membership: For 2018-2019, the committee consisted of the following membership (in alphabetical order):

- Ms. Paula Barnett-Ellis
- Dr. Benjie Blair
- Dr. Jennifer Bruzek
- Dr. Jessie Godbey
- Dr. Kimberly Helms
- Dr. Keith Lowe
- Dr. Claudia McDade, (external member)
- Dr. Allison L. Newton, Chair
- Dr. Joe Walsh, Ex-Oficio (Secretary)

d. Records: Committee Records are maintained by the Secretary and housed in the Office of the Vice Provost, 201 Bibb Graves Hall.
II. Activities and Significant Accomplishments

a. Applications: The IRB reviewed 88 research proposals during the academic year 2018-2019 (as of date of report submission). The applications were approved as follows:

- Exempt - 74
- Expedited - 6
- Full Review - 3
- Renewed Exempt Research - 4
- 1-year Extension for Exempt Research - 1

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