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Subject: Tri Council Policy Statement - Revised

Dear Faculty,

See below for a message from Toni Fletcher, Manager of the Office of Research Ethics concerning the draft 2nd edition of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS).

Please email your comments and suggestions to Toni Fletcher by **March 13, 2009**.

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I am writing asking for your assistance in distributing the attached documents and a request for comments to faculty and staff within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

As you know all research involving humans that is undertaken by faculty, staff or students affiliated with the University of Western Ontario must be reviewed and approved by the UWO's Research Ethics Boards. The *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS) is Canada's common research ethics policy for conducting, participating in, or reviewing human research in institutions funded by CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC. The TCPS is one of the primary documents informing UWO's ethics policies and guidelines.

The Inter-Agency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE) has officially launched the draft 2nd edition of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS). **The draft 2nd edition includes a new set of core principles, clarified definitions, simplified articles and new chapters on qualitative research and research involving Aboriginal peoples.** I have attached a copy of the draft 2nd edition and a copy of the Tables of Concordance provided by PRE.

My understanding is that members of the UWO community were heavily involved in the process leading to the draft 2nd edition. However, we have until the end of March to provide additional comments or feedback to PRE before this document is finalized. Because of the significant new material pertaining to

qualitative research I think it is important that researchers within your Faculty have ample time to review and comment on the draft 2nd edition.

I am therefore asking that you distribute the documents as widely as possible. Comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the TCPS may be forwarded directly to PRE, or may be sent via email to me for inclusion in a coordinated response. I would appreciate receiving all comments by March 13, 2008. Additionally if I can provide clarification regarding any of the new sections, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important research issue.

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For a review copy of the draft 2nd edition of the TCPS, or for additional information on PRE, visit www.pre.ethics.gc.ca or contact.