The members of the EGSC Institutional Review Board met through a teleconference at 11 am on Monday, October 23, 2017. Participating in the discussion were James Brady, Deborah Lee, Suella McCrimmon and Mr. David Gribbin, IRB chair.

David Gribbin provided an overview of the IRB process including the IRB guidelines that EGSC follows and the College’s IRB application.

The committee then discussed an application that had been submitted by April Abbott, a lecturer of mathematics at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and a doctoral candidate at Valdosta State University. Her application was based on her dissertation study, which will attempt to identify key institutional and instructional practices of the Corequisite Model that lead to success of developmental math students enrolled at selected colleges and universities in the state of Georgia in 2017, as perceived by university administrators and faculty. After review, the board approved Ms. Abbott’s application.

The board then reviewed Professor Sega’s application based on a Designing with Open Educational Resources (DOER) fellowship grant she is applying for along with Professor Tiffani Reardon of Kennesaw State University. After discussion, Professor Sega’s IRB application was approved. The board also approved an IRB application based on an Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) grant that was submitted by Professors Deborah Lee and Tori Kearns.

David Gribbin then provided updates on to external projects that had been approved by the EGSC IRB. One was entitled Identifying the Community Cultural Wealth of Successful Black Science Students through Participatory Action Research and an application was submitted by Julie Stanton and Darris Means from the University of Georgia based on the participation of EGSC students in the project. The other project was the Wisconsin University’s Hope Lab Survey that studied student food and housing insecurity issues. The University System of Georgia had accepted an invitation to participate in the survey and David Gribbin was administering the survey at EGSC.

Minutes submitted by David Gribbin