The members of the EGSC Institutional Review Board met through a teleconference at 11 am on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Participating in the discussion were James Brady, Deborah Lee, Florenta Sega and Mr. David Gribbin, IRB chair. Suella McCrimmon was absent.

Members of the board discussed two recently submitted applications that were submitted by full-time faculty members Da’Mon Andrews and Brittany Strickland. Mr. Andrews application indicated that he would use historical data on EGSC students to determine the predictors of academic success of first-time full-time students who enrolled in corequisite learning support courses. Dr. Strickland’s application focused on the transformative learning that her criminal justice students experience through field trips to the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville.

In both cases, the board members recommended that the applicants revise their responses in the Subjects Research Project/Study Checklist to consistently show that their projects involve collection of data that identifies individuals and that individual privacy would be protected. For the application submitted by Mr. Andrews, the board members agreed that the application should indicate that the study posed no risks to student subjects rather than referring to minimal risks. For the application submitted by Dr. Strickland, board members agreed that the statement that the Principal be liable for any reasonable cost for emotional distress caused to study subjects by the prison field trip by replaced with a statement that study subjects would be referred to the EGSC counselor if they needed any assistance.

Board members agreed that if the recommended changes to the applications were made, the board would approve these applications.

Minutes submitted by David Gribbin