Mercer County Community College Research Review Board
Research Proposal

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH FOR REVIEW

Date of submission:_____

Researcher:_____ Program:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

_____ e-mail:_____

Title of Proposed Research Project:

If this research is being conducted under the supervision of an advisor and/or committee, please provide the following information.

Research advisor:_____ Phone:_____

Other faculty committee members:

_____ _____

_____ _____

Are human subjects involved in your study? _____yes _____no
Are any subjects under 18 years of age? _____yes _____no
Are any subjects unable to consent for themselves? _____yes _____no.
If yes, explain how informed consent will be obtained:

Statement of the problem and the rationale for the study:
For External Researchers in particular: Please be sure to address the following issues in your summary: what potential benefits there might be to Mercer and to our students; what potential costs or downsides there might be; why Mercer County Community College is the target population for your research; how you plan to address sampling issues between our two campuses and our many subpopulations, etc. (The RRB only very rarely allows external researchers to enter classrooms. Therefore, you might want to factor that into your survey design and RRB proposal.)

Do you think this proposal qualifies for exemption from a full RRB review? (See Mercer County Community College Human Subject's Policy at http://www.mccc.edu/pdf/human_subjects_research.pdf)
Exempt ___yes ___no
If yes, indicate your reasoning (refer to the RRB and Human Subjects Policy):

Describe the subjects to be used in the study (i.e., source and selection of subjects, specific characteristics):

Indicate the time and type of involvement which will be required of each subject:

Do subjects have any condition that would necessitate their classification as handicapped, exceptional, mentally ill, or do they have a psychopathological or medical disorder? _____yes _____no.
If yes, explain how you will obtain informed consent::

Duration of the study:_____

Number of subjects:_____

Summarize the methods and/or techniques for carrying out the proposed study:

Are there any deceptive elements in this study? _____yes _____no
If yes, describe the deception, why it is necessary, and the specific debriefing procedures to be used to inform the subjects of the true purposes of the study.

Is this proposal being submitted to other RRB-Human Subjects Committees? _____yes _____no
If yes, list those committees and submit with this form a copy of the document indicating such action.

Summarize your background, experience, and training that gives you the necessary competencies to carry out the proposed study and interpret the results (or indicate your plans to develop the necessary competencies):

Please read and sign the following statement: In my opinion, the procedures for this study meet the principles for conduct of research involving human subjects as outlined in Mercer County Community College's Policies and Procedures.

_____yes _____no _____ _____

Signature Date

If the above research is to be done by a student, then the signature of the research advisor is required below.

Advisor - please read and sign: In my opinion, the procedures for this study meet the principles for conduct of research involving human subjects as outlined in Mercer County Community College's Policies and Procedures.

_____yes _____no _____ _____

Advisor's signature Date

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Research Review Board Action:

_____: Approve

_____: Deny

_____: Request Revision/Supplemental Materials – Explain below: