

**REPORT TO THE OGIMAAWIN - ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE  
COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**  
FROM  
**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD**  
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The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2) was re-released in December 2010 with numerous updates. Chapter 6, Governance of Research Ethics Review, was substantially updated and includes a specific Article regarding REB governance:

*Article 6.2: The highest body within an institution shall: establish the REB or REBs, define an appropriate reporting relationship with the REBs, and ensure the REBs are provided with necessary and sufficient ongoing financial and administrative resources to fulfil their duties.*

The Panel on Research Ethics (responsible for the TCPS 2) confirmed that highest governing body refers to the highest administrative body rather than highest academic body. As a Board who reported to Senate, it was necessary that the Lakehead University REB change its governance structure to become a Board reporting to the Board of Governors, the highest administrative body within Lakehead University.

Throughout 2011, various stakeholders, committees and faculty members were made aware of the upcoming governance change. At the January 20, 2012 Senate meeting a formal presentation was made informing Senate of the upcoming change in governance. There was an opportunity for questions and no major opposition was presented.

At the January 27, 2012 Board of Governors meeting, the draft Terms of Reference for the new REB was presented and no changes were requested.

A notice of motion to dissolve the REB effective March 31, 2012 will be on the February 17, 2012 Senate agenda.

Both the Senate and Board of Governors have agreed to a start date for the REB under the new governance structure of April 1, 2012.

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