

## 15. Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Function: The purpose of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to protect the rights of human subjects in research. This includes making sure that vulnerable populations are protected (i.e., prison inmates, minor children, etc.) and that informed consent is maintained for participation in research. Through federal-wide assurance, the President agreed that all research and grant activities in the College must conform to 45 CFR 46, through IRB approval or exemption. The IRB functions administratively through the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Grants.

*Meeting Schedule: Monthly, as needed; at least one meeting fall and spring semesters.*

Contact for this Committee: Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants

Note: In accordance with approved policy and procedure on file with our cognizant agency, Department of Health and Human Services, the composition of the committee must include:

<b>Composition</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants	Mary Schaal (perpetual), Chair (2010-12)
Faculty with Research or Ethics Expertise	George Montopoli, Professor of Mathematics (2008-11, 2011-14)
Non-Science Faculty	Rick Keeling, Professor of Computer Information Systems (2010-2013)
Science Faculty	Ted Martinez, Professor of Biology (2010-2013)
NAU Yuma Faculty (Science, Social Science, or Research)	Charles Balch, Assistant Professor of International Business and Marketing (2011-2014)
Expertise in Ethics and Social Science	L. Ruth Whisler, Director, Arizona Western College Foundation (2008-09, 2009-12)
External Community Member	Rev. Vince Harman, Christ Lutheran Church (2011-2014)
Administrative Analyst, Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants	Betty Lopez (non-voting, support staff)