During the period from May 15, 2023 to May 2, 2023, New College’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviewed 41 new protocols: 37 from student researchers and 4 from faculty. Details are reported in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Distribution of New Protocol Actions*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Status** | **Count** | **Student Protocols** | **Faculty/Staff** |
| Full Board Review Approved | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Exemption Review Verified | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| Expedited Review Approved | 22 | 22 | 0 |
| **Totals** | **41** | **37** | **4** |

In addition to new protocol reviews, the IRB was responsible for reviewing a number of continuing reviews and modifications, as reported in Table 2.

**Table 2**

*Continuing Reviews and Modifications*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Status** | **Count** |
| **Continuing Reviews** |  |
| Continued | 7 |
| Approved | 7 |
| Full Board | 4 |
| Expedited | 3 |
| Terminated | 42 |
| Approved | 33 |
| Full Board | 23 |
| Expedited | 9 |
| Acknowledged | 1 |
| Acknowledged | 9 |
| Expedited | 1 |
| Acknowledged | 8 |
| **Modifications** |  |
| Full Board Approved | 0 |
| Expedited Approved | 9 |
| Acknowledged | 1 |

There were no adverse events reports. Currently, New College has 121 active IRB protocols. This number is expected to decrease when many of the protocols are terminated following the end of the semester.

Finally, the IRB made progress in the following administrative areas:

* An automated approval stamp and expiration date will be added to approved protocol forms.
* The IRB is gathering information related to the automated uploading of CITI course completion certificates to the Mentor system. This would allow for the automation of alerts to be sent to PIs when their training is nearing expiration.

The IRB met on January 16, 2024 and April 5, 2024. The next meeting of the IRB is scheduled for May 24, 2024.

Protocols must be submitted no later than Monday, October 28, 2024 for guaranteed review by the end of the Fall semester (for research anticipated to begin in Spring or Summer 2025). New applications are accepted any time throughout the academic year.

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