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**Amendment C to University Policy F17-1, Protection of  
Human Research Subjects**

**Legislative History:**

On February 8, 2021, the Academic Senate approved Amendment C to University Policy F17-1 presented by Senator Sasikumar for the Organization and Government Committee. Amendment C establishes the Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) as the backup for the Associate Vice President for Research (AVPR) and replaces the term Associate Vice President for Research with SJSU's Institutional Officer wherever it appears in F17-1. University Policy F17-1 was approved and signed by President Mary A. Papazian on November 2, 2017.

**ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

**Approved and signed by  
President Mary A. Papazian on  
March 10, 2021.**

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**Whereas:** Federal and state regulations require continuity in university oversight of research, and

**Whereas:** The Associate Vice President in the Office of Research (AVPR) retired at the end of December 2020, and

**Whereas:** The search for a new AVPR is expected to take several months, during which time research oversight will continue, creating the need for a replacement for the AVPR for protecting human research subjects, and

**Whereas:** A backup for the AVPR should be created in policy to maintain continuity in the future, and

**Whereas:** The Senate Executive Committee passed a time-limited amendment to F17-1 at its meeting of January 11, 2021 that was later signed by President Papazian, to allow for the university to remain in compliance with federal regulations, and

**Whereas:** The time-limited amendment is set to expire on the date that the Senate holds a final vote on the amendment of F17-1, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the following sentence be added in Section 3.3 designating the Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) as the backup for the AVPR: “SJSU’s Institutional Officer, the Associate Vice President for the Office of Research, has administrative authority for the protection of human subjects. If the AVPR is unavailable to carry out these duties, the VPRI will serve as SJSU’s Institutional Officer,” and also be it

**Resolved:** That all instances of the term “AVP of Office of Research” be replaced by “SJSU’s Institutional Officer.”

**Rationale:** Having a backup for the AVPR will allow for the continuous operation of the mechanism to protect human research subjects, and maintain compliance with federal regulations

**Approved:** February 1, 2021

**Vote:** 9-0-2

**Present:** Altura, Birrer, de Bourbon, Grosvenor, Higgins, McClory, Millora, Okamoto, Sasikumar, Thompson, Taylor

**Absent:** Maciejewski

**Financial impact:** None

**Workload impact:** Additional workload for the VPRI, when the AVPR is unable to carry out their duties.