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Dr. Charlotte V. Kuh
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Re: An Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs (BHEW-Q-03-02-A)

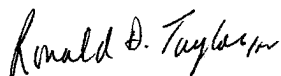
Dear Charlotte and Jim:

On June 20, 2006, the Committee to Review Studies Involving Human Subjects, acting as the National Academies' Institutional Review Board, met to consider the referenced project.

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has approved this project, with the modifications suggested by Jim Voytuk on June 22, 2006 and as amended by the IRB (see attachments), and consistent with 45 CFR 46 and our Federal-Wide Assurance, FWA 00003198. Future activity requires IRB review and approval of plans for protecting confidentiality of data in the public database and for protecting the confidentiality of the rankings data.

If the research has not been completed by June 2007, the project shall be reviewed again at the Committee's annual meeting to be scheduled in early summer next year. Otherwise, please notify me when the research has been completed.

Sincerely,



Ronald D. Taylor, Chair

Attachments:

Questionnaire for Admitted-to-Candidacy Doctoral Students
Faculty Questionnaire