Statutes of the Ethical Review Board
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Saarland University

§1 Preface

The statutes of the Ethical Review Board are supplemented by the rules of procedure which govern the Board's procedures and were approved by the Faculty Council on March 6, 2024.

§2 Duties and Authority

(1) The Board acts on behalf of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. The Board takes a stance on the proposals on behalf of the Faculty.

(2) The Board grants scientists of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science help and advice relating to ethical questions concerning their research involving human subjects and personal data. The Board becomes active at the scientist's or the dean's request.

(3) The Board reserves the right to decline to evaluate proposals and to hand over cases that do not belong to its area of competence to other relevant Boards and institutions of the university.

§3 Membership

(1) The Board consists of at least five scientists whose expertise is in research fields of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science.

(2) The Board can additionally have members who do not have expertise in the research fields of the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science but who have other expertise that is instrumental for the Board, such as law or moral philosophy.

(3) The members of the Board are elected for a term of three years by the Faculty council on recommendation. Additional members can be elected by the Faculty council at any time until the end of the current term of office. The chairperson of the Board is elected out of the Board members.

(4) The Ethical Review Board may consult additional knowledgeable experts for the decision making, if necessary.

(5) The members of the Ethical Review Board and additional knowledgeable experts must be instructed on their secrecy at the beginning of their activity and are bound by the statutes and the rules of procedure.

§4 Meetings

(1) Meetings of the whole Board take place when needed. Besides this, there are no regular meetings.

(2) Meetings can take place in person or digitally.

(3) Meeting decisions will be documented in a protocol and archived for ten years.

(4) Meetings and protocols are not open to the public.

§5 Foundation

The Board uses ethical guidelines of professional associations, such as the ethical guidelines of the "Gesellschaft für Informatik" or the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct by the ACM, as basis for its evaluations.

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