**Sigma Theta Tau International Epsilon Tau-at-Large Chapter**

**Research Day Poster Guidelines**

**ABSTRACT**

Please submit an Abstract for a Poster to Dr. Antonia Nelson at **Anelson@anselm.edu** prior to December 5th 2013. The Abstract should not exceed 400 words and be structured around the following headings (which generally should form the sections of your poster). If you have a poster which has already been created that you would like to present these need not be exact, and headings can be modified for presentation of non-research topics:

* Identify the title of the paper, author, institutional affiliation
* Background (need/problem addressed should be clear)
* Research Question/ hypotheses
* Research Design / Methodology
* Findings
* Implications for Practice

**GENERAL POSTER GUIDELINES**

* Poster size generally should not be larger than 4ft x 4ft. although a small number of larger posters may be accommodated
* A trifold or flat poster is acceptable
* Poster must be able to stand on a table, be clipped to a bulletin board or easel, or taped to the wall

1. Use larger than 16 font lettering for the title, author, and institutional affiliation.

 (make the lettering at least 1 inch high).

2. Avoid fonts that are script or difficult to read.

3. If hand lettering is required, use a felt tip pen (Sharpie).

4. Be concise with your written material. Save elaborative points for

 discussion/interaction with viewers. Focus on central findings that

 lend themselves to informal discussion.

5. You may use graphs, charts, and/or tables (color if possible) to show results.

6. Consider using graphics (photos, etc.) to help make your poster interesting.

7. A neutral colored poster or matte board is more amenable to the eye than a dark or

 excessively bright, colored background. A splash of color here and there, perhaps

 highlighting central finding(s) or provocative results, will make your poster “stand

 out” from the crowd.

8. The following website has excellent sources of helpful information for producing

 effective posters. They provide visual examples as well:

 <http://www.kumc.edu/SAH/OTEd/jradel/effective.html>