

RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday 19th March 2021 | 11:00am Online Videoconference (via Zoom)

PRESENT: **Geraldine Scanlon (Chair)**, Adam Platt, Fiona Brennan, Brendan Egan, Michael Parkinson, Ethna Regan, Kate Irving, Mary Sharp, Damian O'Donohue, Claire Mccarrick, Ellen Drumm, Marta Rocchi, Martin Ward, Noel Prior, Joan O'Connell, Anne Morrissey, Gareth Jones, Mengting Wang, Andy Healy, Audrey Bryan

APOLOGIES: Peter Nowlan, Melrona Kirrane, Bert Gordijn

REVIEWED BY:

AGENDA:			
1. AGENDA			
2. REC CHAIR UPDATE			
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF 19th February 2021 & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING			
4. REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS			
5. UPDATE FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE BODY (AWB)			
6. AOB			
a. <i>Condensed version of the REC review form for Notification & Expedited reviews.</i>			
KEY COMMENTS/ACTIONS:			
Agenda No.	Comment/Decision	Action	Timescale
1.	Agenda Adopted	N/A	N/A
2	The REC Chair provided a brief update to members. The Terms of Reference (ToR) are currently with the faculty Deans for review.	REC Chair to keep the REC updated.	Update at the next REC meeting
3.	Minutes from previous full committee meeting (19 th February 2021) were approved.	N/A	N/A
	The piloting of the condensed versions of the REC review forms were discussed with members. REC members were happy with the condensed format to continue - to be used for Notification and Expedited reviews.	N/A	N/A
	Outstanding applications are awaiting responses from applicants.	REC administrator will follow-up with members via email if required.	N/A

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	Total of 13 amendments to existing protocols which have been approved in the period of the 19 th February 2021 – 19 th March 2021.	N/A	N/A
3. REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS: All REC Ref Numbers highlighted in RED were applications reviewed outside of usual REC meeting dates.			
REC Ref No.	Comments	Decision	
2021_054	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_055	Approved	Approved	
2021_056	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_057	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_058	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_059	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_060	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_061	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_062	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_063	Approved	Approved	
2021_064	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_065	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_066	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_067	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_068	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_069	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_070	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_071	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_072	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_073	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_074	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_075	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2021_076	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	

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2021_077	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_080	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_081	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_082	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_083	Application withdrawn	Withdrawn
2021_084	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)

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5.	The Animal Care and Welfare Officer (ACWO) provided a brief presentation to the REC outlining recent updates from the EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) and HPRRA. The most relevant and important of these updates, for REC members to be aware of, was that animals should no longer be used for the development and production of antibodies for research, regulatory, diagnostic and therapeutic applications.	Next update to be provided at next REC meeting.	Next meeting is 23 rd April 2021.
6.a	<p>The REC Chair informed members that they had been approached by a PhD supervisor and notified that their PhD student did not have DCU REC approval for a research project that had previously been conducted. The student had obtained approval from the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia (at the time) but, unbeknownst to the supervisor, the student had not applied for DCU REC approval.</p> <p>The PhD student is currently in the process of submitting their thesis and the lack of DCU REC approval has only recently been discovered by the PhD student's supervisor.</p> <p>The situation was discussed with the REC and it was decided one of the external REC members, who is also a lay member, would review all the associated documentation for the research and provide their opinion to REC.</p>	REC Chair to forward the documentation relating to the project to the external lay REC member and discuss action needed offline.	Not specified.

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	Next REC Committee meeting scheduled for 23rd of April 2021	N/A	N/A