RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday 23rd April 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, Anne Morrissey, Gareth Jones, Mengting Wang, Andy Healy, Melrona Kirrane, Michael Breen, Bert Gordijn

APOLOGIES: Peter Nowlan, Joan O'Connell, Audrey Bryan

REVIEWED BY:

AGENDA:		
1. AGENDA		
2. REC CHAIR UPDATE		
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF 19th March 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. *Showcase of new e-Consent solution "AthenaCX" developed by the School of Computing*		

KEY COMMENTS/ACTIONS:			
Agenda No.	**Comment/Decision**	**Action**	**Timescale**
1.	Agenda Adopted	N/A	N/A
2.	REC Chair introduced new REC member to the committee from the School of Law and Government.	N/A	N/A
	Dr. Ethna Regan will be stepping down from the REC after today's meeting. The REC thanked Dr. Ethna Regan for their significant contributions in facilitating the conduct of ethically sound research at DCU, and their overall dedication to the work of the research ethics committee.	N/A	N/A
	The REC Chair informed members of their intent to step down from the REC after June's meeting. During their term the Chair has overseen the implementation of all of the recommendations outlined in the independent REC report. The Chair has decided to step down	Announcement for expressions of interest, for position of REC Chair, will be disseminated shortly.	Not defined

	now that this work is almost completed.		
3.	Minutes from previous full committee meeting (19th March 2021) were approved.	N/A	N/A
	Outstanding applications are awaiting responses from applicants.	REC administrator will follow-up with members via email if required.	N/A
	Total of 17 amendments to existing protocols which have been approved in the period of the 19th March 2021 – 23rd April 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_085	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_086	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_087	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_088	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_089	Withdrawn - Student application that will be reviewed at local level	Withdrawn
2021_090	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_091	Approved	Approved
2021_092	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_093	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_094	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_095	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_096	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_097	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_098	Approved	Approved
2021_099	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_100	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_101	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)

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2021_102	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_103	Approved	Approved
2021_104	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_105	Approved	Approved
2021_106	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_107	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_108	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_109	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_110	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_111	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_112	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_113	Approved	Approved
2021_114	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_115	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_116	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_117	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_118	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2021_119	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)

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5.	No update from the AWB.	Next update to be provided at next REC meeting.	Next meeting is 21st May 2021.
6.a	The REC ran out of time to discuss any AoB items.	To be brought for discussion at the next REC meeting.	N/A
	Next REC Committee meeting scheduled for 21st of May 2021	N/A	N/A