

RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday 18th October 2019 | 11:00am in the Formal Boardroom (Invent Building)

PRESENT: **Geraldine Scanlon (Chair)**, Mark Philbin (Vice Chair), Damian O' Donohue, Michael Parkinson, Emer Walsh (recording), Fiona Brennan, Ethna Regan, Mary Sharp, Melrona Kirrane, Peter Nowlan, Michael Moriarty, Andy Healy

APOLOGIES: Debbie Ging, Audrey Bryan, Joss Moorkens,

Apologies for the meeting were noted.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from previous full committee meeting (30th August 2019) were approved.

a. Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting

- Applications pending:
DCUREC2019_254 - Approved
DCUREC2019_255 - Approved

3. REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS – Please note all REC Numbers highlighted in *Italics* and bold are from the Virtual Committee Meeting held on the 27th September 2019.

a. Proposals processed by full review

2019_167	Approved subject to clarifications
2019_172	Approved subject to clarifications

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b. Proposals processed by expedited review

2019_154	<i>Approved</i>
2019_157	<i>Approved</i>
2019_160	<i>Approved</i>
2019_162	<i>Approved</i>
2019_163	<i>Approved</i>
2019_165	<i>Approved</i>
2019_168	Approved subject to clarifications
2019_169	Approved subject to clarifications
2019_171	Approved
2019_173	Approved subject to clarifications

c. Proposals processed by notification

2019_155	<i>Clarifications still pending</i>
2019_156	<i>Approved</i>
2019_158	<i>Approved</i>
2019_159	<i>Clarifications still pending</i>
2019_161	<i>Approved</i>
2019_164	<i>Approved</i>
2019_166	Approved
2019_170	Approved
2019_174	Approved subject to clarifications

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d. Amendments for Chairs Approval

10 amendments to existing protocols were reviewed and approved by Chair of REC (period: 30th August 2019 – 18th October 2019)

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. REC member training event –
The week beginning 13th January was identified as providing potential opportunity for REC member training. All members were asked to follow up as regards date preferences and ideas for content to be covered. Some ideas raised on the day included post approval audit, research conducted abroad, and discussions around ascertaining risk level.
- b. REC Meeting dates for 2020
The draft calendar was circulated and adopted for 2020.

The committee noted the departure of REC members Margaret Farren and Debbie Ging, and acknowledged the significant contribution made by both to the work of the DCU REC

Next REC full meeting – Friday, 13th December 2019.