

RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

MEETING MINUTES

Friday 25th February 2022 | 11:00am Online Videoconference (via Zoom)

PRESENT: Michael Parkinson (Chair – in absence of Melrona Kirrane) Adam Platt (REC Administrator), Fiona Brennan (REC Secretary), Peter Nowlan, Audrey Bryan, Gareth Jones, Kate Irving, Mengting Wang, Michael Breen, Bert Gordijn, Brendan Egan, Ellen Drumm, Mary Sharp, Joan O’Connell (DPU)

APOLOGIES: Melrona Kirrane (DCU REC Chair), Damian O’Donohue, Silvia Rocchetta, Claire McCarrick, Anne Morrissey, Andy Healy, Aisling Ní Dhiorbhain (IoE FERP Chair), Dónal Mulligan (FHSS F-REC Chair), Geraldine Healy (DPU)

REVIEWED BY: DCU REC

AGENDA:			
1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA			
2. REC CHAIR UPDATE			
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF 28th January 2022 & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING			
4. AWB UPDATE			
5. REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS			
6. AOB			
KEY COMMENTS/ACTIONS:			
Agenda No.	Comment/Decision	Action	Timescale
1.	Agenda Adopted	N/A	N/A
2.	<p>In Dr. Melrona Kirrane’s absence the meeting was chaired by Dr. Michael Parkinson.</p> <p>The following are summations of the main updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The REC chair, secretary and administrator had a meeting with ADR from the Faculty of Engineering and Computing in February, to ascertain their progress with devolvment. The ADR confirmed that the Faculty are planning to have the F-REC up and running for the new academic year. The ADR confirmed that their terms of reference have been drafted and will 	<p>The documents will be shared with REC members once received from the ADR.</p>	Once obtained

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	forward these on to REC, along with other documents, for review.		
3.	<p>The minutes from the previous full committee meeting (28th January 2022) were approved.</p> <p>A total of 8 amendments to existing protocols have been approved in the period of the 28th January 2022 – 25th February 2022</p>	N/A	N/A
4.	The Animal Care and Welfare Officer (ACWO) was unable to attend the REC meeting and sent their apologies.	Update to be provided at the next REC meeting instead.	Next REC meeting is the 25 th March 2022.
5. 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	
2022_025	Approved	Approved	
2022_026	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_027	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_028	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_029	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_030	Requires clarification(s)	Resubmission Required	
2022_031	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_032	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_033	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_034	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_035	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_036	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_037	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_038	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_039	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_040	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	

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2022_041	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_042	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_043	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_044	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_045	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_046	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_047	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_048	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_049	Approved	Approved	
2022_050	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_051	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_052	Approved	Approved	
2022_053	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_054	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_055	Approved	Approved	
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6.	<p>Following recent situations, where issues are raised during the meeting that potentially impact REC processes and procedures, the REC secretary suggested that these be addressed/discussed amongst REC members at the end of the meeting, under AoB. Proposed REC process changes would need discussion and consensus before being decided.</p> <p>If there isn't time to discuss these items under AoB, they will be tabled for discussion at the next available REC meeting.</p>	N/A	N/A
	Next REC Committee meeting scheduled for 25th March 2022	N/A	N/A