

# RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 | 11:00am Online Videoconference (via Zoom)

**PRESENT:** Melrona Kirrane (Chair), Michael Parkinson (Vice-Chair) Adam Platt (REC Administrator), Fiona Brennan (REC Secretary), Brendan Egan, Andy Healy, Mengting Wang, Claire McCarrick, Silvia Rocchetta, Ellen Drumm, Damian O'Donohue, Joan O'Connell (DPU).

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Nowlan, Mary Sharp, Anne Morrissey, Michael Breen, Bert Gordijn, Audrey Bryan, Gareth Jones, Kate Irving, Geraldine Healy (DPU), Dónal Mulligan (FHSS F-REC Chair), Aisling Ní Dhiorbhain (IoE FERP Chair).

**REVIEWED BY:** DCU REC

AGENDA:			
1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA			
2. REC CHAIR UPDATE			
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING			
4. FHSS F-REC CHAIR UPDATE			
5. AWB UPDATE			
6. REVIEW OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS			
7. AOB			
KEY COMMENTS/ACTIONS:			
Agenda No.	Comment/Decision	Action	Timescale
1.	Agenda Adopted	N/A	N/A
2.	The REC Chair provided an update to REC. The following are summations of the main updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Vice President of Research and Innovation, Prof. Greg Hughes, will be stepping down from his role at the end of April.</li> <li>- Dr. Mark Philbin (School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health) is currently looking into the delivery of a workshop on vulnerability and has been in contact with the REC Chair regarding its delivery to the DCU research community.</li> </ul>	N/A  N/A	N/A  N/A

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3.	<p>The minutes from the previous full committee meeting (25<sup>th</sup> March 2022) were approved.</p> <p>A total of 11 amendments to existing protocols have been approved in the period of the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</p>	N/A	N/A
4.	<p>The FHSS F-REC Chair provided a written update in their absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 low-risk applications received and reviewed in April 2022.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
5.	<p>The Animal Welfare Body (AWB) have not met since the last REC meeting. An update was therefore not provided.</p>	N/A	N/A

**6. 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_079	Approved	Approved
2022_080	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_081	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_082	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_083	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_084	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_085	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_086	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_087	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_088	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_089	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_090	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_091	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_092	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)
2022_093	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)

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2022_094	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
2022_095	Requires clarification(s)	Pending Clarification(s)	
<b>KEY COMMENTS/ACTIONS:</b>			
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7.	AOB - The revised REC amendment form has been circulated by the REC Administrator. Confirmation of approval from members is required before it is rolled out to the DCU research community.	The REC Administrator to email all members to confirm they are happy to approve the revised amendment form.	Deadline for members to confirm approval set for Tuesday the 10 <sup>th</sup> of May.
	<b>Next REC Committee meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	N/A	N/A