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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the 2016/17 session held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 10.00am in QA075, Greenwich Campus.

Present:
Prof. Pam Maras (Chair)
John Wallace (Secretary)
Lucy Fincham (Information Compliance Manager)
Mahkameh Ghanei (FBU)
Prof. Jill Jameson (FEH)
Dr Simon Richardson (FES)
Dr. Pia Sweet (King’s NHS Trust)
Dr. Gavin Rand (FACH)

Apologies:
Prof. Jon Davison (University of Birmingham)
Prof. Ana Marr (FBU)
Prof Liz West (FEH)

In attendance:
Lynn Thirkettle (Minute Secretary)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

16.50
Apologies for absence were noted.

Professor Pamela Maras declared her interest as a supporting supervisor in application ref 16.5.5.4: ‘Jury decision making: An investigation of stigmatization towards former and current sex workers’

16.51
TERMS OF REFERENCE – TO NOTE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE UNDER WHICH THE UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES OPERATE

The Committee noted the terms of reference under which both university and faculty Research Ethics Committees operate.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

16.52
The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2017 and summary of decisions made were agreed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

16.53
16.48 i The Committee heard that the issue of data management/checking had been raised at the Court Audit Committee. The Committee was reminded that FREC annual reports should include a declaration of checks being made to ensure good data management practices are being carried out,
Action: FREC annual reports, including declaration of checks, to be submitted to the October UREC meeting (ALL)

16.48 ii The Committee was reminded that the CRED resource should now be used to facilitate FREC training for staff.

Action: Proposed training plans to be submitted to the October UREC meeting (ALL)

16.48 iii The Committee noted that a sub-group of the Research & Enterprise Committee had been set up to address the issues surrounding the increase in pedagogical research (chaired by Liz Bacon) and that representatives from each faculty will be included in the group membership.

Action: Contact Liz Bacon to request guidelines/procedure for dealing with pedagogical research (JW)

APPROVAL BY CHAIR’S ACTION

16.54 a) The Committee noted that the following applications which required amendment had been satisfactorily completed and approved by Chair’s action:

i. cf: min. 16.4.5.5 (Faculty of Education & Health)

ii. cf: min. 16.4.5.10 (Faculty of Education & Health)
    TITLE OF RESEARCH: The role of achievement goal profiles in pressurised competitive sport performance.

iii. cf: min. 16.4.5.12 (Faculty of Architecture, Computing & Humanities)
    TITLE OF RESEARCH: A real world experiment to measure user detection efficacy for semantic social engineering attacks.

iv. cf: min. 16.4.5.17 (Faculty of Business)
   TITLE OF RESEARCH: The ‘Rooney Rule’ for Black Managers in English Football.

v. cf: min. 16.4.5.19 (Faculty of Business)

vi. cf: min. 16.4.5.20 (Faculty of Education & Health)
    TITLE OF RESEARCH: Can reading skills which are developed through the reading of music be transferred to benefit the decoding of text.

vii. cf: min. 16.4.5.21 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)
    TITLE OF RESEARCH: The potential of insectivorous bats as agents of crop pest control in the UK.
viii. *cf: min. 16.4.5.22* (Faculty of Education & Health)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Cross-faculty project – assessment feedback/feed-forward.

ix. *cf: min. 16.4.5.7* (Faculty of Education & Health)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** The Role of Threat, Social Categorization, and Meta-Perceptions on Intergroup Relations.

x. *cf: min. 16.4.5.8* (Faculty of Education & Health)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** How can we explore the wider issues that contribute to women choosing a career in Engineering?

xi. *cf: min. 16.4.5.14* (Faculty of Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Group Business Project – emotional engagement.

xii. *cf: min. 16.4.5.15* (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Effects of two types of a 10 week physical activity programme, involving an extra 15 minutes per day, and intended to improve health-related fitness in primary school children: a pilot study.

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**Application Ref:**

**RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

The following applications were APPROVED by the Committee:

i. 16.5.5.5 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Novel inhibitors of proinflammatory cytokines.

ii. 16.5.5.7 (Faculty of Architecture, Computing & Humanities)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** An enhanced model of pedestrian routing.

iii. 16.5.5.8 (Faculty of Architecture, Computing & Humanities)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Determining when collectives split or merge.

iv. 16.5.5.13 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Investigation of haemolysis by formulations.

v. 16.5.5.15 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Machine Learning for Voice Recognition.

vi. 16.5.5.16 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Self-regulation of Isometric Exercise and its Effect on Exercise Induced Hypoalgesia (EIH) In Healthy Adults.

vii. 16.5.5.17 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** A comparison of muscle activity between an isokinetic dynamometer and novel isometric exercise ball.

viii. 16.5.5.20 (Faculty of Business)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** A multi social identification approach to emerging tourism destination networks – A case study of a young DMO (Destination Management Organisation) network (working title).
Subject to minor amendments, the following applications were approved for submission to the Chair for approval by Chair’s Action:

i. 16.5.5.1 (Faculty of Business)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Do firm level variables affect the propensity of employees to develop passion for intrapreneurship?

ii. 16.5.5.2 (Faculty of Business)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** A Switching Cost-based Model for Sustainable Value Creation.

iii. 16.5.5.4 (Faculty of Education & Health)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Jury decision making: An investigation of stigmatisation towards former and current sex workers.

iv. 16.5.5.6 (Faculty of Business)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Self-efficacy and E Learning.

v. 16.5.5.10 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Investigation into the uniqueness of inter-phalangeal creases of the human hand.

vi. 16.5.5.11 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Designing Novel Framework linking Demand Chain and New Product Development Considering Environmental Practices.

vii. 16.5.5.14 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Evaluating the effectiveness of Phonemes to identify and eliminate accents to improve speech recognition.

viii. 16.5.5.18 (Faculty of Education & Health)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** A cross-sectional qualitative study of primary school literacy interventions: policy and practice.

ix. 16.5.5.19 (Faculty of Business)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Examining antecedents of attributions about workload models.

The following applications did not require UREC approval

i. 16.5.5.3 (Faculty of Education and Health)  
**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Testing of applicants to a role at Super Recogniser International Ltd for super-recognition ability.
As the application appears to be consultancy work, it was agreed that UREC approval was not required. The Committee noted that the applicant’s super-recognition research projects were covered by a previously approved generic application (UREC reference 15.4.5.5).

ii. 16.5.5.9 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Exploration of the different mechanisms of blowfly access to cadavers and their importance in forensic investigation.

It was agreed that, as no human interaction will take place, UREC approval was not required for this application.

iii. 16.5.5.12 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** The effect of fingerprint enhancement techniques on screening for blood using luminol.

It was agreed that, as no human interaction will take place, UREC approval was not required for this application.

**CHAIR’S ACTION**

16.58 16.3.6.i

The Committee ratified the decision of the Chair to approve the following amendments to previously approved applications:

a) *cf. min. 16.1.5.19* (Faculty of Education & Health)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** The identification and management of oral pain and discomfort in older people with dementia living at home: comparing the experiences of informal carers and dental professionals.

- Updated sets of questions for a) carers and b) dental professionals

b) *cf. min. 16.2.5.20* (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** A comparison of the physiological effects of different static exercises.

- The inclusion of electromyography (EMG) data collection in section 2.1
- The updated version of Ethical considerations to include EMG analysis in section 4.1

c) *cf. min. 16.3.5.12* (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Characteristics of takeaway food consumers and determinants of takeaway food consumption.

- Revised questionnaire/additional questions
- Offer of a £5 incentive to the first 100 participants

d) *cf. min. 16.3.5.15* (Faculty of Architecture, Computing & Humanities)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Human behavior in urban-scale evacuations during wildfires.

- Expand research area to include Spain and Mexico to include an online survey questionnaire for the general population and will send email interview
questionnaire to Fire Management Services

e) cf. min. 16.3.5.21 (Faculty of Engineering & Science)

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** Reliable Evolutionary Machine Learning with Transferability.

- Extend the project deadline by three months

**EXTERNAL REC APPROVAL**

16.59 16.3.7.i  
i. The Committee noted that approval from the Inter-divisional Research Ethics Committee (IDREC), University of Oxford had been obtained in relation to a research application: ‘A cluster randomised controlled trial of the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a mindfulness training curriculum programme in schools compared with normal school provision: the MYRIAD trial’.

ii. The Committee noted that approval from Goldsmiths, University of London had been obtained in relation to a collaborative project: ‘Susceptibility to false memories of faces and words’.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16.60 16.3.8  
i. It was noted that some of the planned dates for the 2017-18 UREC meetings were problematic and a request was made to move the Thursday meetings either to the afternoon or to another day.

**Action:** Re-schedule meetings, consult timetabling unit for rooms (LT)

n.b. re-scheduled meetings detailed in minute 16.61

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017-2018**

16.61 16.3.9  

(N.B. all meetings start at 10 a.m.)

- Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) October 2017 (papers required by Tuesday 26\(^{th}\) September 2017)  
  Queen Anne 075, Greenwich Campus

- Tuesday 12\(^{th}\) December 2017 (papers required by Tuesday 28\(^{th}\) November 2017)  
  Queen Anne 075, Greenwich Campus

- Tuesday 27\(^{th}\) February 2018 (papers required by Tuesday 13\(^{th}\) February 2018)  
  Grey 104, Avery Hill Campus

- Tuesday 1\(^{st}\) May 2018 (papers required by Tuesday 17\(^{th}\) April 2018)  
  Queen Anne 075, Greenwich Campus

- Tuesday 3\(^{rd}\) July 2018 (papers required by Tuesday 19\(^{th}\) June 2018)  
  Grey 104, Avery Hill Campus