



minutes

Unitec Research Ethics Committee

(UREC) 18 September 2019 at 2.00 pm Building
111, Room 2037.

1. APOLOGIES

Cris De Groot
Hoa Nguyen
Asher Lewis
Timoti Pahi

Present:

Maria Humphries-Kil
Nigel Adams
Tony Gomwe
Lisa Maurice-Takerei
Rob Moran
Nimbus Staniland
Eric Boamah

In attendance

Cynthia Almeida (Acting Secretary in Asher's absence)

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all committee members present and Eric who joined the meeting via Skype. She had a protocol question with regard to the sequence of the Karakia, informal few minutes for members to say hello and share personal information, before the meeting is formally opened.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st August, 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

First: Rob Moran

Second: Lisa Maurice-Takerei

4. UREC REGISTER OF INTEREST AND MEMBER CONTACTS

That the member contacts be updated

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Rob Moran declared a conflict of interest. For application 2019-1027 he indicated that though he is not a supervisor for the project he is conscious of the nature of the project. For application 2019-1031 he is a supervisor for the project.

6. CURRENT APPLICATIONS

2019-1028 **Tominiko** *Improving Pacific Success*

Comments from discussion:

- Whether it is actually a research project or an evaluative project.
- Clarify some dissemination issues
- the research has a deficit focus approach.
- Since it is internal have some anonymity questions
- Confidentiality agreement attached – but not too sure what it was for
- Are they existing students - withdrawn; fail or 'did not complete'
- Whether an organisation consent form is required
- IP address to be removed
- Title should capture the essence of the study and suit the group of readers
- Reconsider the first question in the participation information sheet
- Grounded theory is the qualitative methodology and the use of questionnaire is quantitative - concerns about the method and storage of data
- readers to be assured because of storage in the Cloud
- Require a protective mechanism assurance for the reader that data will be secured
- Question about the consent form, recruitment
- Organisational consent would be required

Suggestions:

- To get a Research assistant to do the questionnaire
- Have a non-direct form of communication
- Removal of the IP address
- Organisational consent will be required
- How the information is going to be disseminated?

To be ratified

2019-1029 **Sharifzadeh** *Vein Pattern Visualisation for Forensic Investigations*

Comments from discussion:

Computing study - trying to develop an algorithm by which you can recognise vein pattern which can be used as a unique identifier

Conducted in association with a forensic unit but nothing to do with forensics.

300 people required to provide image of their hands which would mean finger prints and hence privacy issues arise

Holding a database of the biometric information and if the information is released somehow would have serious implications

Unclear about the anonymity of the information they are collecting

Matching personal identifiers in the consent form

Information needs to be completely anonymous
 risk factors need to be listed
 Security issues of data
 Limit the scope of participants
 images to be made accessible to researchers - clear that these images would be posted in the public domain
 Whether this should be referred to the Health Council
 Question about the storage of the images
 Require fully informed consent with permission for storage for no more than five years
To be ratified

2019-1030

Maragoda

Customers' motivation to embrace digital banking in Sri Lanka; A case study of Sam path Bank PLC
Nigel Adams

Comments from discussion

Nigel thanked the readers – this application is to consider the motivation that customers have around using e banking services in Sri Lanka and the data has been collected by way of interviews (a small group of 6 customers and 6 bank staff members)
 The researcher is targeting a bank at which he was previously employed
 The ethical risk is very low
 The biggest issue is the lack of details around the process by which participants will be recruited for this study
 Lack of consistency and no explanation as to why the two groups are needed
 Issues around completeness – the applicant is not responding to all the questions
 Bank is not being told of the research and the title has the name of the bank
 Organisational consent would be required
 Editing issues in the appendix – a reminder re proof reading
To be ratified

2019-1031

Graves

Hoa was not available so Maria agreed to be the reader
 There were no ethical concerns and this application was approved subject to tiny edits
To be ratified

5. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

2019-1024

Phan

USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN FOR ASIAN MILLENNIALS
Maria Humphries-Kil
 Inadequate responses received
To be Ratified

2019-1020

Tautuhi

Purakau; Kaupapa Maori approaches to counselling practice in tertiary education
Lisa Maurice-Takerei
Ratified

2019-1021

Lee-Morgan

Kohikohia nga taikaka o te ao papaho Maori (Collecting the heartwood of Maori language media)
How to sustain Kaupapa Maori in Maori language Media
 Tui Matelau was not present and has sent some information to Asher so Maria agreed to follow up with Asher

Ratified

2019-1022 **Prado**
Awahi; a mood aware socially networked system for young Maori to support their well-being
Rob Moran
To be Ratified

8. FORM B APPLICATIONS FOR NOTING

2019-1026 Dale
The development of an accreditation programme for the animal training and
behaviour modification industry of New Zealand.
Nigel Adams
Noted

2019-1027 Ferguson
Osteopaths' attitudes and self-reported practices towards psychosocial content in sports-injury
rehabilitation
Maria Humphries-Kil
Noted

6. FORM C APPLICATIONS

None to be noted.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUSAPPLICATIONS

None to be noted.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

None to be noted

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

None to be noted

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

None to be noted

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

16th October 2019, 2pm – Building 180, Room 2043.

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