

APPENDIX B

Greg Gerber: Consent Form--Participant Interviews

Study Title: The effects of digital media and communications technologies on post-secondary teaching and learning environments: a phenomenological approach with recently appointed university faculty.

Study Number: 2013s0164



Greg Gerber-- Consent Form for Interview Participants.

By signing this consent form, you are not waiving legal rights or releasing the investigator or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities.

Title of Research Project

The effects of digital media and communications technologies on post-secondary teaching and learning environments: a phenomenological approach with recently appointed university faculty

Investigators

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Purpose of the Research

The proposed research will seek to understand how recently appointed university faculty think about their teaching responsibilities and how they view the effects of educational technologies and media on their instructional work. Additionally, the study will document and analyze the induction of new faculty including processes employed, training received, and mentoring relationships established.

Description of the Research

Your signature on this consent form serves to confirm your participation as a volunteer in this research study and indicates that you have read and understood the Project Information and Invitation Letter. Signing verifies that you have read the information presented in the Project Information letter about the study being conducted by Greg Gerber, a Doctoral student in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University. You acknowledge having had the opportunity to ask any questions related to this study, to receive satisfactory answers to questions, and to ascertain any additional details required.

As an active participant, you understand that you will be asked to respond to questions in a semi-structured interview pertaining to your experience as a newly appointed faculty member, and how your experience and subsequent understanding has or has not been influenced by technology. Questions will be asked during a private interview. The interview will be conducted at a time and place that fits your schedule and at your convenience. The interview will take approximately 45 minutes. Participation is entirely voluntary and can be retracted or withdrawn at any time, following which any data collected will be removed from the study dataset and will be destroyed. Withdrawal or

refusal to participate in this study will have no adverse effect on employment or evaluation.

You are aware that the Interview Questions will be centered on the following topics:

- What activities and strategies do you commonly engage in while teaching?
- What are your roles as faculty?
- How does curriculum, the department, the university, or technology shape the role of instructor?
- How has technology influenced your approach to teaching or as faculty?

Interviews will be recorded, transcribed, and numbered. Personal information will not be used to identify participants in the research data sets, and will not be recorded. All data will be kept on a personal computer with three levels of data protection: operating system access password, file compression password encryption, and Microsoft BitLocker technology. Shortly after the interviews are completed, a copy of the interview transcript will be sent to the undersigned in order to provide an opportunity to confirm the accuracy of the interview and to add, clarify, or delete any comments.

Confidentiality will be respected and no information that discloses the identity of the participant will be released or published without consent unless required by law. Data gathered will be retained throughout the study duration and for two years following.

There is no known harm nor direct personal benefit associated with your participation in this study.

This project has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the Office of Research Ethics at Simon Fraser University. If you have any comments or concerns resulting from participation in this study, please contact Professor Milton McClaren, the senior supervisor for this research, at mcclaren@sfu.ca or at 250-764-8781; or contact Dr. Dina Shafey, Associate Director, Office of Research Ethics at dshafey@sfu.ca or 778-782-9631.

By signing this form, I agree that:

The study has been explained to me.

All my questions were answered.

Possible harm and discomforts and possible benefits (if any) of this study have been explained to me.

I understand that I have the right not to participate and the right to stop at any time.

I understand that I may refuse to participate without consequence.

I have a choice of not answering any specific questions.

I am free now, and in the future, to ask any questions about the study.

I have been told that my personal information will be kept confidential

I understand that no information that would identify me will be released or printed without asking me first.

I understand that I will receive a signed copy of this consent form.

I have agreed to have the interview audio recorded.

Yes No

I would like to review the transcribed transcript prior to use in the study.

Yes No

It is agreed that the use of anonymous quotations in any thesis or publication that comes from this research may be used.

Yes No

With full knowledge of all of the foregoing, you agree and understand that taking part in this study is entirely voluntary. The undersigned has a right to refuse to participate in this study. Regardless of choosing to participate, you understand that you may choose to leave the study at any time without providing reason. The signature below indicates that you have received a copy of this consent form for your records. The signature indicates your consent to participate in this study.

I hereby consent to participate in the study “The effects of digital media and communications technologies on post-secondary teaching and learning environments: a phenomenological approach with recently appointed university faculty”:

X

Name of Participant (please print)

X

Name of Witness (Please Print)

X

Signature of Participant

X

Signature of Witness

DATE: [Click here to enter text.](#)

NOTE: Two signed copies will be made. As participant, you will retain one signed copy and the second signed copy will be retained by the Researcher and held in secure storage.