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April 30, 2007

Tim Liao
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RE: *The Facebook Project Revision 2*
IRB Protocol Number: 07570

Dear Tim:

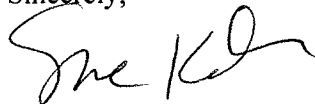
Your response to stipulations for the project entitled *The Facebook Project Revision 2* has satisfactorily addressed the concerns of the UIUC Institutional Review Board (IRB) and you are now free to proceed with the human subjects protocol. The UIUC IRB approved, by expedited review, the protocol as described in your IRB-1 application with stipulated changes. The expiration date for this protocol, UIUC number 07570, is 4/23/2008. The risk designation applied to your project is *no more than minimal risk*. Certification of approval is available upon request.

A copy of the enclosed date-stamped consent form must be used in obtaining informed consent. If there is a need to revise or alter the consent form, please submit the revised form for IRB review, approval, and date-stamping prior to use.

Under applicable regulations, no changes to procedures involving human subjects may be made without prior IRB review and approval. The regulations also require that you promptly notify the IRB of any problems involving human subjects, including unanticipated side effects, adverse reactions, and any injuries or complications that arise during the project.

If you have any questions about the IRB process, or if you need assistance at any time, please feel free to contact me or the IRB Office, or visit our Web site at <http://www.irb.uiuc.edu>.

Sincerely,



Sue Keehn, Director, Institutional Review Board

Enclosure

c: Jane Burris
Jeffrey Ginger

Consent Agreement Statement

Facebook Project Revision 2 | Spring 2007 | Department of Sociology | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

About the Researchers

This study is being conducted by Jeff Ginger, a graduate student in sociology, and Jane Burris, a post-doctorate sociology methods instructor. The research is taking place under the supervision of Tim Laio from the department of sociology.

Respondent Qualifications

This survey is intended for full-time, degree seeking University of Illinois undergraduate students. All survey participants must be of 18 years of age or older. *If you do not satisfy these criteria please close this survey now.*

Purpose and Procedures

This study intends to examine the impacts of the social networking website Facebook.com on the University of Illinois undergraduate population. If you agree to take part in this research, you will be asked to complete a short internet survey questionnaire. This questionnaire will take about 20 minutes.

Voluntariness

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may refuse to participate, discontinue participation, or skip any questions you don't wish to answer at any time without incurring any negative consequences. Your decision will not affect your grades or status at this university.

Risks and Benefits

You may experience some mild, temporary discomfort relating to some sensitive questions as they concern your feelings and attitudes. Direct benefits include an opportunity to reflect on your own perspectives on the Facebook.com as it relates to the topics of the study as well as aid in furthering understanding of the influence on social networking services on college students today.

Confidentiality

No personally identifiable information will be collected. You as a respondent are ensured complete and total anonymity. Furthermore, in the event of publication of this research, no personally identifying information will be disclosed. To make sure your participation is confidential, please do not provide any personally identifying information in answer to questions.

Who to Contact with Questions

Questions about this research study should be directed to investigator Jeff Ginger, or his supervisor, Jane Burris. In the event contact for the formal Responsible Project Investigator is required you may contact Tim Liao, however it is suggested you see Jeff Ginger or Jane Burris before contacting Tim. They can be reached at www.soc.uiuc.edu or by calling the Sociology office at (217) 333-1950. Questions about your rights as a research participant should be directed to the UIUC Institutional Review Board Office at 333.2670; irb@uiuc.edu.

I certify that I have read this form and volunteer to participate in this research study.

Agree

Disagree

Please print a copy of this sheet for your own records.

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APPROVED CONSENT
VALID UNTIL

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WAIVER OF DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT (45CFR46.117(C))

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED AS SINGLE-SIDED HARD COPY. PLEASE, NO STAPLES!

Responsible Project Investigator (RPI):

Last Name: Liao		First Name: Tim	Dept. or Unit: Sociology
Phone: 217-333-1950	Fax: 217-333-5225	E-mail: tliao@uiuc.edu	

Project Title:

The Facebook Project Revision 2

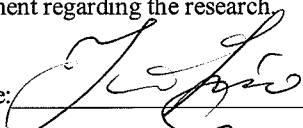
To request a waiver of documentation (signature) of informed consent, please provide a response to EITHER of the following questions. Please be specific in explaining why either statement is true for this research.

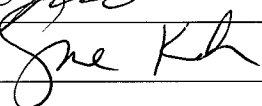
(1) That the only record linking the subject and the research would be the consent document and the principal risk would be potential harm resulting from a breach of confidentiality. Each subject will be asked whether the subject wants documentation linking the subject with the research, and the subject's wishes will govern. **

(2) The research presents no more than minimal risk of harm to subjects and involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context. **

Our study is an online questionnaire survey and thus written consent cannot be obtained. The study presents no more than minimal risk of harm to subjects and will include a short respondent participation agreement resembling a consent form, but with a agree/disagree prompt instead of a signature line. This participation agreement statement will be attached to this form.

** In cases in which the documentation requirement is waived, the IRB may require the investigator to provide subjects with a written statement regarding the research.

RPI Signature:  Date: 3/16/07

IRB Member Approval:  Date: 4/30/07