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May 2022 revisions to the TILT Higher Ed surveys are grounded in research and analyses conducted by Daniel Richard, Carolyn Weisz, Ahmed Sadiq, Charlotte Powley, Celeste Calkins, Caleb Picker, Matthew Bernacki, Mary-Ann Winkelmes and Bradly Stone.



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**IRB Protocol #19096R-E Winkelmes - Modification #9: Exempt Determination**

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Fri, May 6, 2022 at 1:14 PM

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To: Mary-Ann Winkelmes

From: Eric Taft, Research Integrity Administrator

Re: IRB Protocol #19096R-E Winkelmes: *Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project*

**COVID-19 Policy: As a reminder, effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Brandeis IRB has determined that face-to-face research interactions with human subject participants MAY NOT OCCUR without prior IRB approval by way of an Exemption Request.**

The HRPP office has deemed Modification #9 to the above-referenced human subjects protocol to be exempt in accordance with 45 CFR 46.104(d) 4.

This action is effective **Friday, May 6th, 2022**.

With this action, the following modifications are approved:

1. Modification to the TILT Higher Ed online surveys.


If you wish to make modifications that change the nature of, or increase the level of risk to, your approved exempt protocol, please submit a [Modification Request](#) to the HRPP office for review. For examples of applicable changes, see the [HRPP Modifications page](#).

When your research, including data analysis, is complete, you must submit a [Final Report and Termination Form](#) to the HRPP office so that your protocol file can be closed and archived. Please note that data and analysis must be retained for three years after the date of submission of the Final Report and Termination Form.

Please contact HRPP Administration at [hrpp-group@brandeis.edu](mailto:hrpp-group@brandeis.edu) or 781-736-8133 should you have any questions or require official notification to an outside agency.

Best,  
Eric

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**Date**

*My signature below verifies that this Modification Request meets with department approval and is in compliance with procedures and/or regulations designed to protect human subjects. I understand and agree to my duties and responsibilities as Faculty/Staff Sponsor for this research.*

**Principal Investigator**

**Date**

5/3/2022

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### Human Research Protection Program

#### Modification Request Form

**Modification #**  
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**Review Status**  
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**PI Last Name**  
Winkelmess

**IRB Protocol #**  
19096R-E "Transparency in Learning and Teaching  
in Higher Education Project"

#### Project Detail

**Project Title**  
Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project

**PI Name**  
Mary-Ann Winkelmess

**PI Department**

**PI Phone**

**PI Email**

**Supervised Researcher Name**

**Supervised Researcher Status**

**Supervised Researcher Phone**

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**Estimated Level of Risk**

**Anticipated Start Date**

**Anticipated End Analysis Date**

**NIH Clinical Trial**

**Funding Status**

**Sponsor**

**Sponsor ID**

**Grant PI**

**Grant Title**

## 1. Changes in Risk Level

**This modification changes the estimated level of risk.**

No

## 2. Changes in Personnel

**New personnel will be added to this protocol.**

No

**Personnel will be leaving this protocol.**

No

**Principal investigator will be changing.**

No

## 3. Changes in Agencies

**A new facility/agency will be involved in the research activities.**

No

**The Initial Protocol Application for this protocol lists \_ as the funder. If this is no longer accurate, please update the funding information here.**

**A new funding agency will be involved in the research activities.**

No

## 4. Modification to Study Description

**Describe and justify proposed modification. Include a discussion of the effects on the risks and benefits to the subjects and the procedures that will be taken to manage the risk(s).**

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**New or revised consent forms are attached, with changes highlighted.**

No

**New or revised study instruments are attached, with changes highlighted.**

Yes

**Attach one additional master copy of each for file.**

**New or revised recruitment materials are attached, with changes highlighted.**

No

## 5. Signatures

**By signing this form I certify that:**

- *The information I have provided on this form is true, complete, and accurate*
- *I am familiar with and agree to abide by all relevant Federal guidelines and Brandeis University policies relating to this research*
- *I will only perform research that is approved by the IRB and not deviate in any way from this protocol without prior approval*

**Supervised Researcher**

**Date**

*My signature below verifies that this Modification Request meets with department approval and is in compliance with procedures and/or regulations designed to protect human subjects. I understand and agree to my duties and responsibilities as Faculty/Staff Sponsor for this research.*

**Principal Investigator**

**Date**

5/3/2022

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## Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project

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A clean copy of the survey precedes the marked up copy.

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### Survey Questions

#### PRE-SURVEY (administered during the first 1-2 weeks that classes meet)

How much do you agree with each of the following statements?

*Response options: Not at all, A little, A moderate amount, Very much*

1. I am able to apply the things I have learned to new problems and situations.
2. I am capable of learning effectively on my own.
3. I can express my ideas effectively when I write.
4. I can judge the reliability of information from various sources.
5. I can easily connect information from multiple sources.
6. I can collaborate well with others on assigned work
7. I feel that I am a member of this school's community.
8. I feel a sense of belonging at this school.
9. I feel I cannot really be myself at this school.
10. I feel proud of belonging to this school.
11. I don't feel I can succeed in school.
12. I am confident in my ability to succeed in school.

**POST-SURVEY (administered during last week that classes meet)**

The Post-Survey contains the 12 questions above, followed by the questions listed below.

How much do you agree with each of the following statements?

*Response options: Not at all, A little, A moderate amount, Very much*

13. My instructor provided criteria I could use to assess the quality of my work.
14. In this course, I knew how my work would be evaluated.
15. My instructor discussed examples that showed what good work looks like in practice.
16. In this course, I used examples to improve the quality of my work.
17. My instructor identified a specific learning goal for each assignment.
18. The assignments were clearly related to the learning goals of the course.
19. In this course, I knew the purpose of each assignment.
20. My instructor provided clear instructions for each assignment.
21. In this course, I knew the steps required to complete my assignments.
22. I am satisfied overall with the instructor and this course.
23. The activities and assignments in the course benefited my learning.
24. The instructor for this course values me as a student.
25. I feel like I don't belong in this class.
26. The instructor wants me to succeed in this class.
27. I can really be myself in this class.
28. This course helped me feel I am a member of this school's community.
29. This course helped me feel that I can succeed in school.
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34. This course helped me to connect information from multiple sources.
35. This course helped me to collaborate well with others.

Optional STEM-focused questions:

36. This course helped me to design experiments or processes to solve a problem
37. This course helped me to choose methods appropriate to addressing a problem
38. This course helped me to analyze and interpret data.



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### Transparency in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Project

#### Survey Questions

Red = proposed edits

Grey with strikethrough = proposed deletions

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#### PRE-SURVEY (administered during first 1-2 weeks of the term):

13. I can express my ideas effectively when I write.
14. ~~I can communicate effectively when I speak.~~
15. I collaborate well with others on assigned academic work.
16. ~~I am good at breaking down theories, ideas and experiences into pieces so I can consider them.~~
17. I can easily connect ~~When I am given~~ information from multiple sources, ~~I have an easy time making connections between them.~~
18. I am able to apply the things I have learned to new problems and situations.
19. ~~I tend to consider the ethical implications of my actions.~~
20. I am capable of learning effectively on my own.  
Response options: ~~Never, Sometimes, Often, Always~~ *Not at all, A little, A moderate amount, Very much*
31. I am confident in my ~~Please rate your confidence about your~~ ability to succeed in school.
30. ~~Please rate your confidence about your ability to succeed in this field.~~ Response options: ~~Low, Moderate, High~~

4 new Pre-survey questions about confidence and belonging, aligned with benchmark surveys.

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The Post-Survey contains the pre-survey questions above and those listed below.

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2. ~~How accurately does your submitted work for the course (including exams/quizzes) reflect your understanding of the course content?~~
3. ~~Did~~ The coursework and course activities benefited my ~~your~~ learning.?

4. ~~How much has This course helped you in writing effectively?~~ me to express my ideas effectively when I write.
5. ~~How much has this course helped you in communicating your ideas effectively in your spoken statements?~~
6. ~~How much has This course helped me you in-~~to collaborateing effectivelywell with others?
7. ~~Question 7 is intentionally skipped.~~
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