Meeting Minutes

Location:

Time: 9 am – 10am

In attendance:

# Follow Up Items – 15 mins

* Feedback on the proposal
  + Martin hasn’t got a chance to look at it in depth, he is hoping to go over it and send us something by the end of the day
* Date and time for office orientation for Ayla, Aaron and Fan
  + We have connected with Nasim and will head there for on Thursday for 9am
  + Location is 1050 W Pender, 19th floor. We will call Nasim when we reach to be let in
    - We will be working from the mobile stations at the office

# Questions – 15 mins

* How to deal with re-organization?
  + Stephanie Yurchak joined the call to explain the work she has done in relation to understand the re-organization and also general BC Gov structure
    - Tracks with position numbers as they are relatively static
    - Generally, the position numbers are related to the organization but there are exceptions where things are related to Level 1 vs the organization
      * 2007-2009 position numbers are missing
      * Can be grouped by sector
      * Core BC Service vs fringe
  + She will upload her code to the SharePoint site
* Cloud based platforms to work within privacy framework
  + Martin looked into Google Colab
    - We do have to upload the files which is a slight issue
    - Solutions to this issue include a combination of:
      * de-identification of the comments
        + remove names/circumstance
        + named entity recognition

compare to list of common names and identify potential risks

* + - * pre-processing
      * Randomly sample comments to confirm they are not identifiable
    - Prepare some samples of original comments vs processed version to show to Martin – ACTION ITEM

# General BC Stats update

* Organization of 40 people
* Not a lot of direct funding
  + Internal consulting for other organizations
* Survey experts
  + WES, graduation, and so much more
  + Design, executes and reports relating to surveys
* General info
  + Nasim unit they do about 80% coding, 20% other (emails, meetings, etc)
  + Built R shiny dashboards
  + Works in both python and R
  + Some machine learning