21 June 2017

Time:

9 am

Duration:

+- 45 minutes

Present:
- Prof. Edwin Blake
- Erin Versfeld

Excused:
- Assoc. Prof. James Gain
- Assoc. Prof. Deshendran Moodley
- Anna Borysova
- Shaheel Kooverjee

Summary:
- Overall the proposal requires more work on communicating the goals of the study
- The order in which information is presented needs to be worked on
- More explanation of the Myo is required

Next meeting:

5 July 2017, time to be decided

Points of Action for next meeting:
- **A**, **S** and **E** will revise the project proposal and submit it to **J** and **D** by 5pm on Friday, 23 June.

Discussion:
- **E** queried the following aspects of the feedback received on the prososal:
  - Anticipated outcomes
    E explained that it referred more to what the study as a whole would achieve or work towards. It should clarify what we are setting out to achieve. He also emphasised that fingerspelling is not SASL, and that our approach should therefore be properly motivated if we want to say that the end goal is a SASL learning tool.
  - Timeline
    E was unclear as to why marks were reduced here, but indicated that it was likely due to not including milestones outside of the Honours timeline, or only including these timelines.
  - Procedures and methods
    E indicated that more work was needed on an introductory paragraph, description of the phases and the methodology
- **E** mentioned that a major shortcoming was the readability to a general audience. This could be overcome in part by moving sections so that the order of information

was better, and including additional explanation of certain things. **E** described the proposal as being an interface to the reader, which is a useful metaphor to bear in mind for future writing.

- **E** suggested that if word counts become an issue in the final paper, explanations can be referenced to supplementary documents made available on the study's website or to literature surveys.
- **E** suggested that finding common features amongst classifiers may be a better method for classifying and describing them.
- Most of **E**'s concerns with the Myo are attributable to the lack of description of this unfamiliar technology in the proposal.
- One suggestion for motivating the use of the devices would be to describe the difference between visual and muscular based gesture recognition.