

File 20110729.0800: Notes from meeting with Dr Martin:

I met with Dr Martin on Friday before both of us were to leave on travel. I told him about the new book I was reading (Rost, 2011) and my plans for the UCDMO conference. Still working on the code book underpinning the grounded theory but expect to have that done in another day or two. We talked about COS and decided to hold off a week before pinging Dr Jirotko again about the September date for a viva. Dr Martin advised to handle it by asking the assessors to name a deadline for submission of written work; that will serve to get the real date from them by which they intend to read it, and at the same time implicitly reminding them to set a date for the viva.

What the assessors want to see is evidence of progress and a convincing argument that I can finish. To show them that, give them content, not polished prose. The document I turn in should feel like a thesis and at least mention every bit of substantial results I have accomplished. It is traditional to highlight the contributions claimed in both the introduction and conclusion; since all chapters should be represented, all material should be covered. Do not spend time polishing words already written, at this stage.

I reported a busy week, preparing for the UCDMO conference. At least the Lockheed work I kept getting distracted by this week was all directly applicable to my thesis. The UCDMO conference has been weighing heavily on me because it is so important. I have a long list of people and companies to talk to there. One person told me the CDTAB, which takes place Monday morning, is the most awesome part of the week. I am looking forward to it.

Taking a book to read on the plane; I will write a review for the blog with an eye towards whether the book would be useful in an MSc module.

Call ended 0815.

## References