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Confirmation of status achieved. I met with the assessors Dr Jirotko and Dr Flchais for approximately two hours at 10am today. They gave me a very hard time, but the final recommendation was to confirm status, add two more terms, and add a co-supervisor who is an expert on grounded theory. I was praised on the coding of the R'' case study (CS1) but they said I misunderstood the analysis task and needed to re-do it. So I am only half done with CS1, not all done as I had thought. They examined me closely on my estimated time to complete CS2 and CS3, now that I have experience doing CS1. They criticised my lack of a model linked to the theory and explained that use of the Atlas.ti software on CS2 and CS3 will help make that linkage explicit. They want to see CS2 and CS3 done using the software tool.

Dr Flchais will act as co-supervisor; I spoke with Dr Martin afterwards and he is OK with that. It is not an uncommon arrangement for someone working on an obscure sub-area to have two supervisors. Dr Flchais is the local expert on grounded theory and will stop me going down any blind alleys trying to learn it by myself.

I documented everything said in the viva immediately afterwards and from my meeting with Dr Martin, then went downstairs to talk to Julie Sheppard about filing the paperwork. She recommended waiting until early December to send in the forms, and advised that extensions are only granted one term at a time, so it will have to be done in Michaelmas and again in Hilary term.

I reported to everyone I need to and now have a couple of dissertations to read, recommended because they contain examples of the new analysis I need to do. I got one of them from Dr Flchais and told him I would be in contact as soon as I get home from travel.

Other activity: I attended reading group in Oxford this week; the discussion was a good one (details in notes). My funding sponsor requested emergency changes to the poster for their scientific review board this week; I did it in the middle of the night so they could have it by the end of the day their time. They were satisfied with the response. I wrote a blog post for systems security. The student conference programme committee is about to send out its call for papers. OUSS lecture this evening. I'll fly back Monday after spending the weekend; the cost of flying earlier would have been 800 extra and I need to minimise expenses.

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End of WAR 0205.

References