CONSENT FORM

Research project

*Changing practices and systems: implementing the online learning community at the University of South Africa*

I ……………………………………………………………………. hereby consent to be a subject of a human research study to be undertaken by J F Heydenrych, Bureau for University Teaching, Unisa. I understand that the purpose of the research is:

- to determine the effects/impact of the introduction of the OLC (Online Learning Community) in the print-based environment of Unisa;
- to determine the need for change in supporting and facilitating learning and community in the OLC as compared to current print-based tutoring;
- to educate towards improved practice in supporting and facilitating the OLC;
- to implement improved practice of supporting learners online and facilitating community in the OLC.

Data will be used for Unisa purposes, and will be used towards a D Ed thesis project with the same aims and objectives.

I acknowledge

1. That the aims, methods, and anticipated benefits, and possible risks/hazards of the research study, have been explained to me.

2. That I voluntarily and freely give my consent to my participation in such research study.

3. I understand that aggregated results will be used for research purposes and may be reported in scientific and academic journals.

4. Individual results will not be released to any person except at my request and on my authorization.

5. That I am free to withdraw my consent at any time during the study, in which event my participation in the research study will immediately cease and any information obtained from me will not be used.

**Signature:** ………………………………………..  **Date:** ……………………………….