



# University Research Committee

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## A Scope of the committee

1. The University Research Committee is accountable to the Senate for the oversight of learning and teaching pursuant to research provision as well as research strategy across the University.

## B Terms of reference

2. The delegated powers of the University Research Committee are as follows:
  - a. To oversee compliance with student-related policies (course-level research provision only).
  - b. To oversee compliance with appropriate policies and procedures for the ethical approval of research projects.
  - c. To maintain oversight of the quality and standards of education, research and scholarship, and the arrangements for their enhancement (research provision).
  - d. To institute new awards of the University (research provision).
  - e. To institute a review of each Faculty and School of the University on a periodic basis (research provision).
  - f. To be responsible for the approval, monitoring, review and discontinuation of all research courses (academic approval, monitoring and review and academic discontinuation).
  - g. To regulate and control all teaching, courses of study and the conditions qualifying for admission to the various titles, degrees and other distinctions offered and/or validated by the University (research provision).
  - h. To approve policies and procedures relating to the admission of persons to courses of study in accordance with Statute 18.1 (research provision).
  - i. To ensure adequate arrangements are in place for assuring the ethical conduct of education, research and scholarship.

3. The advisory responsibilities of the University Research Committee are as follows:
- a. To advise the Vice-Chancellor and Senate on making recommendations to the Council on any academic matter (research provision).
  - b. To advise the Vice-Chancellor and Senate on approving any matter of academic policy (research provision).
  - c. To advise the Senate on the maintenance of academic standards by ensuring that the University has an effective quality assurance framework in place through its governance structures (research provision).
  - d. To advise the Senate on approving the regulations governing awards and progression (research provision).
  - e. To advise the Senate and Vice-Chancellor on reviewing the research and scholarship of any Faculty, School or academic department of the University (research provision).
  - f. To advise the Vice-Chancellor and Senate on approving all academic policies, regulations and procedures (research provision).
  - g. To advise the Vice-Chancellor and Senate on approving all policies and regulations relating to University examinations (research provision).
  - h. To advise Senate upon receiving records and reports of the proceedings of the Senate sub-committees and giving directions to and considering recommendations from same.
  - i. To advise on supervision arrangements for students.

### **C Membership**

Chair (elected by Senate)	Prof Luca Turin
Vice-Chair (elected by Senate)	
Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic and Provost	Prof Harriet Dunbar-Morris
Registrar and Chief Administrative Officer	Mr Chris Payne
Research Officers	
Student Representatives	
Representatives from Research projects	
Research Champions	
Representative from the Library	

Members may be removed from the committee by the Chair if they fail to attend two successive meetings.

**D In attendance**

Head of Academic Services (Secretary)
Curriculum and Policy Officer (Servicing Officer)
Deputy Head of Academic Services (Quality)
Representative from IT Services

**E Frequency of meetings**

The committee shall meet four times per year.

**F Quorum**

Not less than one-third of the voting members, including the Chair or Vice-Chair, with a minimum of two voting members to be present.

**G Reporting structure**

This committee reports to the Senate.

**H Servicing and support arrangements**

Servicing will be provided by the central Quality team.