

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Reports to Senate

Terms of Reference 2020-21

1. To develop the University's overall research strategy
2. To monitor and review School research strategies, specific goals and plans ensuring coherence with the University's overall strategy, priorities and planning*
3. To encourage and monitor good practice in relation to the conduct of research and to disseminate relevant information as necessary
4. To consider recommendations from the Research Degrees Sub-committee on matters relating to Postgraduate Research (PGR) students*
5. To consider recommendations from the Research Ethics Sub-committee on the implementation of the University's Research Ethics policy*
6. To consider key updates of the School Research Committees*
7. To take overall responsibility for the University's planning for the next REF* and to receive minutes from the REF Steering Group (REFSG)
8. To recommend to Senate the formal recognition of University Research Centres
9. To review annual reports of Research Centres and recommend to Senate either continuation of Centre status or, if appropriate, other courses of action
10. To act as the University's principal forum for consideration of external information relating to research within a Higher Education (e.g. UKRI and ResearchEngland) context.

***these will be standing agenda items.**

RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF SENATE – MEMBERSHIP

Composition	Current membership list
Chair - PVCR	Professor A Nagar
6 x Senators to be appointed and rotated by the Chair of Senate;	Associate Professor C Wakefield and Professor N Donnelly (representing Sciences) Associate Professor G Cuthbertson (representing Humanities) Dr S. Harrop (representing Arts) Associate Professor P Bamber (representing Education) ? (TBC – Prof George Mair is retiring) (representing Social Sciences)
Chair of Research Ethics Sub-committee	Professor D Jeyaraj
Director of Library and Learning Spaces (by invitation)	Ms S Murray
Other officials by invitation from time to time	Officials from various areas in the University as and when needed to report on matters such as Finance; Personnel; Bids and Grants; etc.

Frequency of meeting: 3 times in an academic year

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