

Research Committee

1. Establishment and Representation

- 1.1 The Research Committee is established as a standing committee of Academic Senate;

2. Purpose

The Research Committee

- 2.1 is the principal advisory Committee to Academic Senate for research and research training;
- 2.2 provides strategic advice to Academic Senate on research, research training and research related matters to ensure high academic and ethical standards and support the strategic direction of the University;
- 2.3 provides strategic advice to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Development) on the implementation of the University Research Plan to enable strategies that support innovative, flexible and inclusive research practice;
- 2.4 reviews proposed amendments to policies and procedures that relate to research training to ensure compliance with the Higher Education Standards;
- 2.5 reviews proposed amendments to policies and procedures that relate to research at the University;
- 2.6 exercises the responsibilities located in relevant policies and procedures of the University in relation to research and research training related matters; and
- 2.7 promotes the development of productive collaborative research within the University between University Research Institutes and Schools, and external entities.

Function

The Research Committee will:

- 2.8 Provide advice, and make recommendations to Academic Senate regarding the development, implementation and effectiveness of research policy and practice in the University. This will include:
 - a. identifying, encouraging and promoting good practice with regard to the responsible and ethical conduct of research;
 - b. reviewing and providing advice on the University's Research Plan, having regards to the University's mission, goals and priorities;
 - c. reviewing University Research Institutes and Schools research plans and monitoring performance and progress against these plans;
 - d. developing and monitoring the University's research policy framework and research performance reports; and
 - e. providing advice to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Development) regarding the University's research block grant budget and submissions.
- 2.9 Provide advice to Academic Senate and Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Development) on strategic policy, planning, quality assurance and performance in relation to research training and higher degree research programs. This will include advice on:
 - a. the pathways that contribute to student access including credit and articulation, participation, retention, and success;

- b. the admission and selection policies and procedures for research training and higher degree research programs;
- c. the quality and structure of research training and higher degree research programs;
- d. the methods of assessing the quality of all research training activities, including those of third party providers;
- e. the proposals relating to the establishment, revision, discontinuation and disestablishment of postgraduate research programs; and
- f. any other academic policy and quality assurance matters;

2.10 Consider matters referred by Senate, School or University Research Institute Committees as appropriate.

3. Meetings and Reporting

- 3.1 The Research Committee will meet a minimum of five (5) times each calendar year;
- 3.2 The Research Committee is required to report to Academic Senate through the submission of reports at the conclusion of each meeting;
- 3.3 The Committee may establish Expert Advisory Groups or Working Parties for specific purposes.

4. Membership

The Research Committee shall consist of the following members:

- 4.1 Ex Officio
 - a. Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Innovation) (Chair);
 - b. Chair of Academic Senate;
 - c. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Deputy Chair);
 - d. Chair, Research Studies sub-committee.
- 4.2 Members
 - a. Director of each University Research Institute, or nominee (usually the Director of Research);
 - b. A representative of each School nominated by the Dean (usually the Director of Research or Deputy Dean);
 - c. Two senior research academics, nominated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Development) in consultation with the ex officio members;
 - d. Two early or mid-career researchers, nominated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research and Development) in consultation with the ex officio members; and
 - e. One higher-degree research student elected by the higher degree research students of the University.
- 4.3 Rights of Audience and Debate:

The Chair may grant rights of audience and debate for a specific purpose, meeting or item(s) to such a person, persons or categories of person as deemed appropriate or necessary.

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