

Research Ethics Committee (3)

The University Research Ethics Committee (UREC) meets a minimum of four times a year and on an ad hoc basis.

Terms of Reference:

- i. The ongoing review of the University's 'Ethics Policy for Research Involving Human Participants, Data and Tissue', including providing guidance on its interpretation;
- ii. Embedding the University's Ethics Review Procedure, which includes:
 - accrediting the ethics review arrangements in place within academic departments and reviewing accreditation on a five yearly basis;
 - monitoring the ethics review arrangements in place within academic departments, which includes reviewing ethics decision making reports from academic departments on an annual basis;
 - providing guidance on cases of uncertainty brought to its attention by academic departments' ethics review panels and for making decisions on cases that cannot be resolved by ethics review panels;
 - hearing appeals against the decisions made by academic departments' ethics review panels (the Committee can overrule the decisions of ethics review panels);
 - in the event of concerns arising about whether a research proposal or ongoing research activity complies with the University's Research Ethics Policy, suspending the approval process for that proposal, or suspending the research activity in question, pending further investigation.
- iii. Promoting awareness and understanding of ethical issues in research throughout the University's research community (i.e. ethical issues that are relevant to research that involves human participants and also ethical issues that are relevant to other types of research);
- iv. To provide advice on any ethical matters relating to research that are referred to it from within the University;
- v. Keeping abreast of new externally-driven developments, policies and regulations concerning research ethics and, where appropriate, ensuring that the University meets all necessary requirements.

Members of the UREC must adhere to the UREC's Terms of Reference.

Reports to: Senate

Membership:

<i>Chair</i>	Professor Peter Bath	2015-
<i>Deputy Chair</i>	Dr Jennifer Burr	2015-
<i>One ex-officio member</i>	Professor Richard Jones, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)	

Six employees of the University appointed by the Senate, five of whom represent each of the five Faculties of the University, and one representing the Professional Services:

<i>Faculty of Arts and Humanities</i>	Dr Tim Shepherd (Department of Music) to provide maternity cover for	2013-16
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	Dr Carmen Levick (English Literature, Language and Linguistics)	
<i>Faculty of Engineering</i>	Dr Claudia Mazza (Mechanical Engineering)	2015-18
<i>Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health</i>	Dr Richard Cooper (SchARR)	2015-18
<i>Faculty of Science</i>	Dr Eleanor Stillman (Mathematics & Statistics)	2015-18
<i>Faculty of Social Sciences</i>	Dr Malcolm Patterson (Politics)	2013-16
<i>Professional Services</i>	Ms Louise Knowles (Student Services)	2012-15, et seq, 15-16

Four lay members appointed by the Council:

The Venerable Robert A Fitzharris	2004-07, et seq, 14-15, 15-16
Dr Peter Allmark	2009-12, et seq, 14-15, 15-16
Professor David Mason	2010-13, et seq, 14-15, 15-16
Ms Sue Rose	2014-17

<i>One Representative from the International Faculty</i>	Dr Ana Vivas
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<i>Two student representatives, nominated by the President of the University's Students Union:</i>	Miss Saima Eman (Department of Psychology) Mr Marc Geddes (Department of Politics)
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<i>Co-opted by the Committee (not more than two co-opted members)</i>	

<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs Lindsay Unwin (Research & Innovation Services)
<i>Minuting Secretary</i>	Mr Fidel Budy (Research & Innovation Services)

Quorum: Six members of the committee present, two of whom must be lay members.