Senate Research and Innovation Committee

Terms of Reference:

1. To advise the Senate on issues relating to Research and Innovation in support of the University’s strategic priorities, with a focus on research excellence, research integrity and academic standards, in line with the University Strategy.

2. To promote a vibrant research culture across all faculties and ensure the University delivers good practice in research that meets the standards and governance requirements of funders and regulators.

3. To oversee the development of University policy and strategy regarding impact and commercialisation.

4. To ensure that the University has a clear understanding of research horizons, needs and strategy, and to oversee the deployment of strategic funding made available by the University to realise its vision for growth in research and its commercial applications.

5. To develop policy and strategy with regards to the institutional approach to the Research Excellence Framework (REF), the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) and any future research quality assessment exercises.

6. To identify strategic and organisational issues resulting from interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research; to promote synergies and funding opportunities at the institutional level, and to recommend appropriate organisational structures to capitalise on these opportunities.

7. To recommend to Senate the establishment, plans and activities of the University Research Institutes, and to recommend appropriate structures through which the performance of institutes and centres can be assessed.

8. Via the University Postgraduate Research Student Committee to oversee structures to support the provision of doctoral programmes, and to determine the strategic provision and allocation of University Research Fellowships and Studentships.

9. To receive the Minutes of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee.

10. To advise on issues associated with the accuracy, validity and use of research data.

11. To oversee the development and implementation of the University’s approach to the implementation of The Concordat for Contract Research Staff, and to make recommendations to the Senate.

12. To ensure that policies and procedures introduced by the University’s central structures contribute to the research agenda.

13. To advise on the strategy of equipment provision and avoidance of duplication and to monitor its effectiveness in the context of a devolved funding environment.

14. To receive reports from, and where appropriate to make recommendations to the Senate arising from the operations of:
   a) The University Postgraduate Research Student Committee;
   b) The Commercialisation Assessment Group;
   c) The Research Governance Sub-Committee;
   d) The Research Staff Development Committee;
   e) The REF Steering Group;
   f) The Research Institutes and Research Centres Sub-Committee.

15. To receive reports from Faculty committees considering strategic and policy issues relating to Research and Innovation.
Reports to: Senate.

Membership:

Chair (Vice-President for Innovation)  Professor Dave Petley

Ex-officio members:

President & Vice-Chancellor  Professor Koen Lamberts
Vice-President for Research  TBC
Deputy Vice-President for Research & Innovation  Professor John Derrick
Vice-President for Education  Professor Wyn Morgan
Deputy Vice-President for Research & Innovation (Postgraduate Research) and Chair of the University Postgraduate Research Student Committee  Professor Lorraine Maltby
Faculty Director of Research & Innovation (Arts & Humanities)  Professor Nicola Diben
Faculty Director of Research & Innovation (Engineering)  Professor George Panoutsos
Faculty Director of Research & Innovation (Science)  Professor Simon Foster
Faculty Director of Research & Innovation (Social Sciences)  Professor John Flint
Faculty Director of Research & Innovation (Medicine, Dentistry & Health)  Professor Wendy Baird
Vice-President of Research of the International Faculty  Professor Panayiotis Ketikidis
Director of Research Services  Ms Deborah McClean
Assistant Director (Research Growth & Development)  Dr Neil Harris
Director of Regional Engagement & Partnerships  Dr Sarah Want

Representative members:

Representative of CiCS  Mr Nathan Cunningham
Representative of the Library  Mrs Anne Horn / Ms Tracey Clarke
Representative of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre  Mr Colin Sirett

One student representative, nominated by the Students’ Union President:

Mr Jake Verity (President)  2019-20

Four members of the academic staff or academic-related staff who teach, appointed by the Senate:

Dr Jason Berwick (Psychology)  2017-20
Dr Heather Ellis (Education)  2018-21
Dr Irini Katsirea (Journalism Studies)  2017-20
Vacancy  TBC

In attendance:

N/A

Secretary  Dr Claire Hinchliffe (Research Services)