**Academic Quality and Standards Committee (Research)**

The Academic Quality and Standards Committee (Research) is a sub-Committee of Senate which plays a key role in assuring Senate regarding the maintenance of academic quality and standards in research, which includes postgraduate research.

The Committee aligns its meetings with the business meetings of Senate (currently four per academic year), and submits a report to each meeting of Senate.

Current Academic Quality and Standards Committee (Research) Membership (link)

The Committee discharges its responsibilities by:

1. Scrutinising policy and supporting information related to research quality and standards in order to provide Senate with assurance on research quality and standards, and thereby enable Senate to endorse such assurance onwards to the Board of Governors; including reviewing matters required by statute and regulations related to research
2. Assurance of progress in the delivery of The University’s ‘Our future’ strategy for research by annual receipt and discussion of the:
   1. annual progress report against the University’s Research KPIs – associated with preparation of the annual Stocktake Report (the sub-committee may provide comment and input to the draft)
   2. annual report that proceeds to the Board of Governors
3. Identifying any issues and potential actions required, and advise or make recommendations to Senate accordingly regarding the revision of policies, processes, and the provision of data and analysis
4. Exercising delegated authority on behalf of Senate for:
   1. the approval of revisions to existing General Regulations of the University relating to research, including postgraduate research
   2. the approval of revisions to research policies and procedures for which Senate is the approving body
5. Ensuring that the University’s quality assurance and academic standards frameworks for research meet the expectations of relevant external national and international quality assurance bodies, and Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies where appropriate
6. Functioning as a key stakeholder for consultation and engagement in the development of research policies and procedures by the Vice-President (Research) and Research Strategy Group
7. Receiving annual reports from relevant groups within the Research portfolio
8. Supporting the University’s core goal of Social Responsibility (including EDI) by seeking to embed Social Responsibility into the committee’s activity, and into the maintenance of academic quality and standards in research, which includes postgraduate research

Meeting dates and archived minutes are now available at:

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (Research) Meeting Dates (link)

The template for papers to be submitted to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (Research) can be found here

**Enquiries**

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