
Research Quality Committee

Terms of reference

The role of the Research Quality Committee is to assist the Academic Senate to discharge its responsibility for oversight of research quality and improvement across the University.

1. The Research Quality Committee is responsible for:
 - providing advice on the University's research strategy;
 - providing advice on the University's research policy framework;
 - providing advice on and monitoring the quality of the University's research performance, engagement, impact and environment;
 - monitoring the University's management of compliance with research ethics and integrity regulations and expectations;
 - monitoring the potential impact of external research initiatives and developments in research policy and funding.
2. In undertaking its role the Research Quality Committee will:
 - consider the strategic research goals of the University;
 - monitor research quality;
 - have regard to academic standards pertaining to research integrity and compliance, consistent with external requirements such as the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, National Statements on Ethical Conduct in Research and standards prescribed by Commonwealth and State Governments.
3. The Committee will provide advice on any other matters relating to the research activities of the University that may be referred to it from time to time.
4. The Committee will report to the Academic Senate:
 - regularly, on the business dealt with by it in accordance with powers delegated to it by the Academic Senate; and
 - annually, in relation to significant matters within its terms of reference.

Note that oversight for higher degree by research education and training is the remit of the University Research by Higher Degrees Committee.

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Composition

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Chair) *ex officio*
- Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), *ex officio*
- Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Impact), *ex officio*
- Pro Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Research Projects) *ex officio*
- Dean (Research) from each of the six colleges, *ex officio*
- Dean of Graduate Research, *ex officio*
- Student President, *ex officio* or HDR nominee
- One HDR student to be nominated by the Student President

In the event that fewer than three of the members of the Committee are also members of the Academic Senate, the Chair of the Academic Senate will co-opt an additional member of the Academic Senate to the Committee.

In Attendance

- Chair, the Academic Senate
- Director, Library Services
- Director, Research Development Services
- Associate Director, Planning and Analytical Services

Frequency of Meetings

Twice a year and additional as required.

Quorum

50% of members (ignoring any fraction resulting from the division) plus 1