

RESEARCH AND RESEARCH DEGREES COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Within the context of the University's Mission, Vision and Strategic Objectives, its Corporate Objectives and its Academic Policy Statements related to Research Degrees to:

- (a) recommend to Academic Board and the Vice-Chancellor a research policy and strategy including the development of research overseas in partnership with others for the University, including allocation of research funding; and to review this policy and strategy from time to time and recommend changes to Academic Board for approval;
- (b) agree, develop and implement a University research plan and monitor its implementation on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and Academic Board and to review the plan from time to time;
- (c) ensure Schools have an agreed research plan and that this is monitored, evaluated and reviewed regularly;
- (d) recommend to Academic Board measures to promote and enhance research in the University, including making recommendations on how research can best be related to the teaching functions of the University;
- (e) establish and monitor performance indicators for research in the University and monitor the use of resources allocated to research;
- (f) approve on behalf of Academic Board the establishment and development of University Research Centres and to monitor the effectiveness of such Centres;
- (g) develop good practice in the administration of research across the University, developing standardised procedures where appropriate; and to
- (h) periodically review the University's regulations for the degree of MPhil/PhD, MProf/DProf and MA/MSc (by research) and recommend any changes to Academic Board for approval;
- (i) determine delegated powers awarded to Schools related to the regulations for research degree candidates except direct PhD registration which will remain with the Committee;
- (j) approve examination arrangements including arrangements for the conduct of the examinations in respect of MPhil/PhD, MProf/DProf and MA/MSc (by research);
- (k) complete the examination process in respect of individual candidates by considering the examiners' recommendations and determining awards for the degrees of MPhil/PhD, MProf/DProf and MA/MSc (by research);
- (l) consider and decide upon appeals by candidates for a review of an examination decision in respect of the degree of MPhil/PhD; MProf/DProf; and MA/MSc (by research);
- (m) ensure that the interests of students registered for the degree of MPhil/PhD; MProf/DProf; and MA/MSc (by research) are protected and that the standards of the University's awards are maintained;

- (n) monitor Schools operating under powers delegated to them by the Committee;
- (o) agree, arrange and monitor the training of research degree supervisors;
- (p) establish panels to consider applications for the award of DLitt, DSc, DTech or LLD and, in cases where a prima facie case is established, to appoint and receive advice from appropriate external examiners; and
- (q) make recommendations, following receipt of advice from Higher Research Degree Panels, to Academic Board concerning applications for Higher Research Degrees; and to
- (r) present an annual report to Academic Board on the Committee's work.

Membership

Assistant Vice-Chancellor and Director, Middlesex Research [Chair]
Deans of School
Head of Middlesex University Research Office
Director of Communications
Head of Learning Resource Services
A representative of Middlesex University Students Union (nominated by the President)
Schools Directors of Research and Postgraduate Studies
Two nominated, research active, staff members from each School

Research Manager, Intellectual Property and Students [Secretary - non-member]

SCHOOL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Terms of reference

- (a) Contribute to the development of University quality assurance procedures for research degree provision and monitor their implementation at School level;
- (b) approve the School's Research Strategy and Plan;
- (c) develop and monitor implementation of the School's quality assurance procedures for research degree provision;
- (d) develop and monitor implementation of the School's Research Strategy and Plan and ensure these are aligned with University strategies and plans;
- (e) monitor applications, registration, induction, progress and achievement of research students;
- (f) monitor appointment, training and performance of supervisors and examiners; and
- (g) consider and respond to the outcomes of internal audits of postgraduate and research degree provision and monitor the implementation of actions in response to report recommendations

Membership

DoRPS – Chair
DCLQ(s)
Student representative(s)
And any others as Schools see fit