

Research and Research Training Committee

The Research and Research Training Committee is responsible for monitoring, reporting and advising the Academic Board on quality and standards in against internal and external quality indicators, and advising the Academic Board on relevant proposed regulations, policies and procedures.

Functions

The functions of the Research and Research Training Committee are:

- (i) Report to, advise, and make recommendations to the Academic Board on issues relating to the research and research training activities of the University;
- (ii) Monitor and provide advice on the implementation of strategies developed to improve the University's research and research training performance and quality;
- (iii) Oversee, monitor, advise on and where appropriate make recommendations on the University's policies, procedures and regulations that enable it to meet its statutory obligations and reporting requirements in relation to research and research training;
- (iv) Oversee, monitor and advise on research and research training performance against national and international external standards, quality indicators and benchmarks;
- (v) Monitor, oversee and advise on the effectiveness of academic regulations, policies, procedures and practices in relation to research and research training, with particular reference to ensuring appropriate academic governance oversight, academic standards, promotion of best practice and quality assurance;
- (vi) Provide oversight, receive regular reports and give advice on matters relating to research training students, including (but not limited to):
 - a. the design, approval and review of research degrees including liaison with the Courses Committee;
 - b. approval of admissions to candidature, confirmation of candidature, variations in conditions of candidature, the appointment of examiners, examination and classification results and annual reports; and
 - c. monitoring the implementation of policy, procedures and regulations to ensure quality assurance.
- (vii) Consider and provide advice as appropriate on all matters referred to it by the Academic Board.

Composition

- One person elected as Chair from the membership of the Academic Board;

- One Principal Officer nominated by the Academic Board and whose responsibilities include research and research training;
- Dean, Graduate Research Centre;
- Director, Office for Research;
- Two College Directors of Research and Research Training, nominated by the College Directors of Research and Research Training and endorsed by the Academic Board;
- Two members drawn from the Directors of the University's Research Institutes and Research Centres, nominated by the Directors of Research Institutes and Research Centres and endorsed by the Academic Board;
- University Librarian;
- Two elected members of the Academic Board nominated by the Academic Board;
- Three members of the Academy, nominated by the Principal Officer nominated by the Academic Board and whose responsibilities include research and research training and the Chair and endorsed by the Academic Board;
- One research training student nominated by the Academic Board, or in the event that no student is nominated, a nominee of the President of VUPA; and
- up to two members by the committee for a maximum of 12 months.

Total: up to 17 members