UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
(Committee of Senate)

1. **SECRETARY** An administrator from the University Research Office

2. **MEMBERSHIP**

   *Ex officio* members:
   
   (a) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)
   (b) The Faculty Deans of Research
   (c) The Director of Business Development
   (d) The Head of the University Research Office
   (e) The Head of the Joint Research Office

   A quorum shall be not fewer than one third of the members.

   In attendance:

   Faculty Deputy Heads of Administration (for research) and representatives of other Services as required.

3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

   (a) To advise the Executive Board through the Chairman on all issues relating to research and the strategic deployment of resources in support of the University’s research priorities.

   (b) To focus on research horizons, needs and strategy, to be responsible for taking a holistic view of research landscapes, strengths and opportunities, and to deploy strategic funding made available by the University to realize its vision for growth in research and its commercial applications.

   (c) To identify strategic and organizational issues resulting from interdisciplinary research, to promote synergies and funding opportunities at the institutional level, and to recommend appropriate organizational structures to capitalise on these opportunities.

   (d) To recommend to Executive Board for approval by Senate and, in the case of Research Institutes, by Council, the
establishment, plans and activities of University Research Institutes and University Research Centres, and to assess their overall performance, and to conduct periodic reviews on which to base recommendations for continuing Institute/Centre status.

(e) To determine the strategic provision and allocation of University Research Fellowships and Studentships.

(f) To promote a vibrant research culture across all three faculties and ensure the University delivers good practice in research that meets the Research Council standards and governance.

(g) To advise on issues associated with the accuracy, validity and use of research data, including the development of the MyImpact research management system.

(h) To advise on the alignment of research-related programmes in faculties, institutes and schools.

(i) With Staff Committee, to keep under review the University’s implementation of The Concordat for Contract Research Staff and other relevant aspects of Human Resource management in support of research.

(j) To co-ordinate preparations for national research assessment exercises, including review and internal assessment in conjunction with Faculty Research Strategy Groups.

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

(l) 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.

(m) To report quarterly to Executive Board and at least annually to Senate, as appropriate.

(n) To oversee the implementation and operation of the University’s research ethics policies.
Established by Senate Minute 21(a), 16.11.2004 (in succession to University Research Strategy Group)