**FACULTY OF SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE AND ENGINEERING**

**FACULTY ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Secretary: Faculty Research Administrator

Ex officio members: Dean of Research (Chair)

Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Dean of Postgraduate Studies

Appointed members: Nomination of one member of academic staff from each academic unit

**Terms of Reference:**

1. To act as a delegated power of University Ethics Committee to determine appropriate local (School-based) levels of ethical scrutiny in accordance with Section 5 of the Guidance Note *Ethics in Research – Policy and Procedure*.

2. To ensure and provide an effective ethical review process for staff and students seeking ethical approval for an individual research project or programme involving the study of human subjects in a non-clinical setting.

3. To ensure the implementation of policies approved by University Ethics Committee.

4. With specific regard to Research Ethics within the Faculty:

* + 1. To facilitate ethical research in the Faculty.
    2. To determine ethical standards of practice in research referred to it for consideration.
    3. To protect the mental and physical well-being of subjects in research which involves healthy volunteers and which is not within the terms of reference of NHS Research Ethics Committees.
    4. To preserve the moral rights of research subjects.
    5. To ensure compliance with all regulatory guidelines and legislation current at the time.

(vi) To provide written guidelines on ethical issues in research and consultancy for use by staff and students of the University where necessary.

(vii) To ensure that academic units within the Faculty are compliant with the requirement for ethical approval of research.

5. To monitor and review applications for ethical review within the Faculty and report and/or make recommendations to the Faculty Executive Board and University Ethics Committee accordingly.

**Frequency:** Formal meetings twice a year

**Reports to:** Faculty Executive Board, University Ethics Committee