



Senate

Paper Title	Executive Summary – Ethics of Research Committee.
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the above.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	As stated.
Questions for Senate to consider	N/A
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Work outlined in Points 2 to 5 will be carried out with reference to the <i>Strategy 2014 – The Next Five Years</i> .
Strategy and risk	N/A
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	N/A
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ETHICS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A full set of the minutes will be available online (following confirmation at the next meeting of the Committee) at the following URL:

http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/academic_board/research_ethics_committee/index.html

Alternatively, contact the Secretary of the Committee: Hazel Covill h.covill@qmul.ac.uk

Date of Meeting: 16th November 2017

Main Items Discussed

1. Committee/Review Panel Membership

The Chair **welcomed** Dr Clodagh Dugdale to the full QMERC Committee, as well as the Review Panels.

2. QMERC Chairmanship

The QMERC Chair Person, Elizabeth Hall **confirmed** that she will be resigning from the Chairmanship, but will continue to Chair the meetings until the end of the academic year. It was also noted that the amount of work has grown, and will continue to grow, so the decision has been made to appoint both a Chair (external) and Deputy Chair (internal).

3. Records Review Notification

The Administrator has received notification that QMERC records have been retained now for longer than ten years (with the Committee starting work in 2005). As such members were asked to confirm that they were satisfied that the standard 10 years data retention period was appropriate for its records. They **agreed** this. *N.B. Subject to further confirmation of the next meeting of QMERC due to this meeting not being quorate.*

4. Updates on Task and Finish Groups.

Members **noted** an updates on the following policies/ T&F consultation:

a) Research Misconduct Task and Finish Group.

5. Course Credits for Course Participation.

Since 2009 psychology students have received 10% of their coursework module mark for participating in four hours of research during their first year. Members were requested to reassess this, in terms of whether this might constitute undue influence.

Members **agreed** to set in place liaison with the Department of Psychology to look at alternative means for students to obtain this credit; i.e. critical essays etc. (This liaison will be assisted by the recent recruitment of three new Review Panel members from the Department of Psychology). Of course, any changes will be subject to planning with regard to amending any course prospectus. *N.B. This is also subject to further confirmation of the next meeting of QMERC due to this meeting not being quorate.*