



**Senate**

<b>Paper Title</b>	Executive Summary – Ethics of Research Committee.
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the above.
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	As stated.
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	N/A
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	Work outlined in Points 1 to 5 will be carried out with reference to the <i>Strategy 2014 – The Next Five Years</i> .
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	N/A
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	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](http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/academic_board/research_ethics_committee/index.html)

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**Date of Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

### Main Items Discussed

#### 1. Panel Structure and Organisation

Members **reviewed** the current Ethics Review Panel structure and organisation at the Chair's request.

They **agreed** that, in response to an increased volume of applications which has led to delays for researchers, that the number of review panels be increased from six to seven; with the seventh panel to be Chaired by Dr Clodagh Dugdale.

#### 2. QMERC Chairmanship

Members **welcomed** both a prospective new Chair to the Committee, Dr Helen Jenner, and the prospective appointment of Dr Dylan Morrissey as Deputy Chair. These appointments are subject to approval on the forthcoming meeting of Senate on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 3. Records Review Notification

At the previous (non-quorate) meeting members **agreed** that they were satisfied with the standard 10 year data retention period for QMERC records. Members **ratified** this decision, with the proviso that records of any research ethics applications involving child participants need to be kept for 20 years: this beginning at the start of 2017.

#### 4. 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. At the previous (non-quorate) meeting members were requested to reassess this, in terms of whether this might constitute undue influence.

Members **ratified** the decision of the previous meeting that liaison should be set in place with the Department of Psychology to look at alternative means for students to obtain this credit; i.e. critical essays etc. Three new panel members from the Department of Psychology have been recruited to QMERC and will be approached for views and to assist with liaison.

#### 5. Updates on Task and Finish Groups.

Members **noted** an update on the following policy development.

a) Research Misconduct Task and Finish Group.