



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 4 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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1. ETHICS OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Meeting - 22nd November 2017

Main Items Discussed

1. QMERC Chairmanship

Members welcomed the new Chair of QMERC; Dr Helen Jenner.

2. QMERC and Panel Membership

The Chair and Members thanked Dr Sally Burtles for her work with QMERC, first as an attending member and later as a member herself. The closer working relationship between the JRMO and QMERC that she has fostered has been very productive. They wished her all success with her future career and would miss her input.

The Chair and members also expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Outgoing Ethics Review Panel Chairs of Professor Maxine Robertson and Professor Peter Sasieni. Both of these individuals have done sterling work and will be much missed.

They also welcomed Professor Ian Walden taking on the role of the Chair of Review Panel C from Spring 2018.

3. Policy and Procedure Updates.

Members received updates on the following from members:-

a) Research Misconduct Policy

Members were made aware of the approval of the policy document for the above. They were also informed of future consultation plans for the procedure document, that would accompany the policy.

b) GDPR – Watching Brief.

Members were updated on the commitment of QMUL to comply with the above forthcoming data regulations. They agreed to consult on ensuring that standard research ethics pro-formas would be amended as required.

4. Audit Arrangements

Members agreed nominees to undertake the scheduled bi-yearly system of fast track ethics approval, which is managed by the REC Facilitator.

Hazel Covill, Research Ethics Administrator – 28th February 2018