



Senate

Paper Title	Executive Summary – Research Ethics 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	Proposed work outlined in Points 3 and 4 will be carried out with reference to the Strategic Plan 2010-2015
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: 9th July 2014

Main Items Discussed

1. **Committee Membership**

The Chair confirmed that Dr Rhiannon Thompson has now left QMUL (and thus QMERC) due to her taking a career break. The Chair expressed her thanks, and that of all members, to Dr Thompson for her work and support of the Committee.

Dr Chrisantha Fernando also confirmed that he would be stepping down from QMERC, due to his taking up a new job in industry, and was thanked for his contribution.

2. **QMERC Chairmanship**

Members were consulted about the appointment of the next Chair for QMERC, bearing in mind that the current one will be stepping down in July 2015.

Members agreed that it was vital to maintain the independence of the role and, as such, a member of Council should be asked to take on the position. The Vice-Principal for Research agreed to raise this matter with Senate.

3. **Draft Policy Feedback**

Member received the following draft policies; and provided feedback and/or suggestions for changes so that these can be finalised soon.

- 1) Policy on Research with Human Participants
- 2) Intellectual Property Policy.

They also noted that the Draft Research Integrity Policy was currently under advisement from Senate; with further amendments planned.

4. **Research Integrity Concordat Task and Finish Group**

Members received an Interim Report from this group and noted that this would be further discussed at the next meeting of QMERC in November.

5. **Liaison with AWERB**

Members met with representatives of AWERB to discuss and agree closer collaboration between the two committees. A member of AWERB will meet annually with QMERC: reporting on the work of that committee.