**Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

**Faculty Research Committee**

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| **Terms of Reference:** | | |
| The purpose of the Faculty Research Committee is to provide research leadership within the Faculty with the aim of achieving a step-change in ambition that contributes to the realization of Vision 2020 and the production of research that is world-leading and internationally excellent. The Committee will normally meet every two months and will report to the Faculty Executive Board.  The core responsibilities of the Committee will be:   1. To contribute to the development of, and to keep under review, the Faculty Research Strategy and to make recommendations to Faculty Executive Board, as appropriate, in relation to changes to this 2. To monitor the implementation of the Faculty Research Strategy and to ensure its successful delivery. 3. To monitor progress in relation to preparations for REF by Faculty Units of Assessment. 4. To receive progress reports from Schools on their Core Disciplinary Research Groups, including any research centres or networks that fall within these, to monitor their performance and to identify actions, as required, to support them in achieving their targets and goals. 5. To receive progress reports from the Faculty GRI and PRPs, to monitor their performance and to identify actions, as required, to support them in achieving their targets and goals. 6. To foster and enhance interdisciplinary working within and between the GRI, PRPs and Core Disciplinary Research Groups within and beyond the Faculty, particularly in relation to tackling key societal challenges. 7. To monitor performance within the Faculty in relation to research income generation, to receive and consider reports from the Faculty Research Grant Review Panel and to identify actions, as required, to ensure Faculty research income targets are met. 8. To consider and prepare reports to Faculty Executive Board in relation to the delivery of the Faculty Research Strategy and progress against Faculty research targets for Vision 2020, including the identification of actions, as required, to ensure that such targets are achieved. 9. To provide a forum for the sharing and dissemination of research intelligence, including: developments in relation to REF; funders’ strategies and priorities; research impact; and wider public engagement. 10. To consider the implications of wider changes (internally and externally) in policy and practice with regard to research, through consultation with the Faculty Research Forum, and to make recommendations to Faculty Executive Board | | |
| **Membership:** | | |
| **Composition** | | **Current Members** |
| Chair: | Dean of Research, AHSS | Vacant |
|  | Director of Research, School of Arts, English and Languages | Dr Stefano Baschiera |
| Director of Research, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics | Dr James Davis |
| Director of Research, School of Law | Professor Anne-Marie McAlinden |
| Director of Research, Queen’s Management School | Dr Geoff Simmons |
| Director of Research, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work | Professor Joanne Hughes |
| Director, Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice | Professor Hastings Donnan |
| Director, Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Change | Professor John Barry |
| Director, Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation | Dr Kathy Higgins |
| AHSS Research and Development Manager, Research and Enterprise | Mr Peter Stephenson |
| Contract research staff representative\* | Ms Aideen Gildea |
| Postgraduate research student representative\* | Mr Saad Almohammed |
| In Attendance: | Dean’s Personal Assistant | Mrs Sharon Dunwoody |
| **Quorum:** | At least 50% of eligible members | |
| **Serviced by:** | AHSS Faculty Office | |
| **Reports to:** | AHSS Faculty Executive Board | |
| **Receives reports from:** | The Faculty Research Committee receives regular reports from Research and Enterprise and can also request reports, as required, from: School Research Committees, Core Disciplinary Research Groups, the GRI and PRPs. | |

\* Selected from those currently serving on the respective School Research Committees of one of the five AHSS Schools.

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