

UNIVERSITY OF KENT

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Membership and Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference

1. To oversee the University's policies on ethics.
2. To consider and advise on ethical issues referred by the following: Council; any committee of Council; the Senate; any committee of Senate; the Vice-Chancellor. Ethical concerns raising significant reputational or financial risk should normally be referred to the Committee.
3. To report to Council its findings in respect of 2 above.
4. On behalf of Council, to consider and, if appropriate, approve work which requires the approval of a University ethics committee before it can receive external authorisation to proceed.
5. To consider annual reports from: Research Ethics and Governance Committee; the Development Office regarding Fundraising; Anti-Bribery and Corruption Review Group and International Partnerships Approval Panel.
6. To review, on request of Council and in the context of contemporary best practice, the mechanisms and procedures for identifying and considering ethical issues arising from teaching, research, fundraising and other aspects of the activities of the University.

Membership

Lay members:

Gabriel MacGregor (Chair)
Michael Crick
Sarah Dance

Chairs of the major committees with responsibility for ethics:

Research Ethics and Governance Committee
International Partnerships Approval Panel

The Director of Engagement

Undergraduate representative appointed by the Students' Union: Lukas Nyheim
Postgraduate representative appointed by the Students' Union: Keisha Muzaire Muhangi

In attendance:

Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation
Research Ethics & Governance Manager
Senior Prospect Research and Management Officer
Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council) or nominee
Senior International Partnerships Officer

Meetings

At least twice a year in Autumn and Summer Terms with additional meetings if required.

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SC 03.05.2022
CC 21/02/2024