

Enterprise and Innovation Committee

(a sub-committee of the Senate)

Terms of reference

1. To develop and recommend the University's knowledge exchange, enterprise, innovation and commercialisation strategy to Senate for approval.
2. To scrutinise significant new business cases for enterprise and innovation-related strategic projects or external funding bids making recommendations to the appropriate body/person under the University's scheme of delegations, and giving due consideration to the associated risks, and alignment with the University's Strategy.
3. To horizon scan for new opportunities relating to knowledge exchange or commercialisation activities seeking opportunities to enhance the University's performance in these areas, forge strong links to the research endeavour and act as forum for discussion of these areas.
4. To be assured that the promotion of knowledge exchange, innovation and commercialisation activities within the University and externally is effective.
5. To oversee the development of the University's Knowledge Exchange Framework submission and to provide assurance that KEF activity is aligned with the University strategy and values and the interests of key external stakeholders.
6. To ensure that the University's enterprise and innovation plans and activity adopt best practice and adapt to international, national and regional initiatives maximising the benefit to the University.
7. To maintain an innovative and effective IP commercialisation strategy.
8. To advise the Registrar, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer on the requirements of the administrative support structure to ensure opportunities in knowledge exchange, innovation and commercialisation activities are optimised.
9. To: (a) provide advice to the University Planning and Resources Group on prioritising the allocation of innovation funding (e.g. HEIF) with cross reference to the Engagement Advisory Group; and (b) to monitor and report to the appropriate external bodies as required of any such funding.
10. To recommend the definition and adoption of a series of performance indicators to track university performance in this area for approval by Senate, for onward report to Council.
11. To provide periodic assurance reports to the Council via its Finance and General Purposes Committee regarding the University's enterprise and innovation activity.

Committee Composition

(ex officio)

Vice-Chancellor

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) (in the Chair)

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) (Deputy Chair)

Director of Research, Enterprise and Innovation

(appointed)

relevant Associate Dean or equivalent person from each Faculty

one additional academic member from each Faculty nominated by the Executive Dean

a relevant staff member appointed by the Vice-Chancellor

a PhD student appointed by the Chair

a representative from the academic staff of one of the Research Institutes nominated by the Chair

(co-opted)

up to two co-opted external members with relevant professional expertise, but so as to ensure relevant cohorts are represented (e.g. business development managers)

(in attendance)

Head of Partnerships and Business Engagement

Director of International Research

Procedure

Three meetings shall be held each year, one in each term.

The Standing Orders set out a standardised approach to committee procedural arrangements, including membership terms, quoracy and declaring interests. All members are encouraged to read the Standing Orders available on the [Governance website](#).

As per the University's Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom, all committees considering business that could affect compliance with free speech duties, in line with their delegated authority, are expected to have due regard for any impact on the University's duties to secure and promote the importance of freedom of speech and academic freedom. Any enquiries regarding this should be directed to the Director of Strategic Planning and Governance in the first instance.