

# UNMC Research Strategy Committee

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The primary objective of the UNMC Research Strategy Committee is to develop, implement and deliver the research strategy for UNMC, in order to meet the objectives set by UNMC and the University. The committee reports to UNMCs Management Group.

### **Membership**

1. Prof Graham Kendall: Chair
2. IrfahAbdullah or Fazlina Mohd Jaafar: Secretary
3. Vian Cheh Thian Teh
4. Maraton Yahya

### **Faculty of Engineering Representatives**

5. Prof. Ian Harrsion
6. Prof. Andy Chan

### **Faculty of Science Representatives**

7. Prof. Peter Mitchell
8. Dr. Nashiru Billa

### **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representatives**

9. Prof. Neville Wylie
10. Dr. Zaharom Nain

The faculty representatives are nominated by the Deans, with each faculty having two places on the committee. The other members are decided by the chair.

The committee will take responsibility for the following areas (in no particular order).

1. Monitor research activity at UNMC against the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) defined in the UNMC Research and Knowledge Transfer Strategic and Operational Plan. Develop strategy and procedures to ensure that the KPIs are met.
2. Update the UNMC Research and Knowledge Transfer Strategic and Operational Plan on a regular basis (at least yearly).
3. Define Standard Operating Procedures for grant administration.
4. Plan and deliver the MyRA return in order to maximise our Malaysian ranking. The committee may also need to manage other returns as and when required.
5. Liaise with our other campuses in order to deliver high quality research through joint funding, co-authored articles, chapters and books. Also interact in other ways such as helping with the preparation and delivery of the Research Excellence Framework and report our activity to the Research and Knowledge Transfer Board (RKTB).

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6. Liaise with other organisations/bodies outside of UNMC, as and when necessary. This could include (but is not limited to) funding bodies, MyRIAD, other universities and industrial organisations.
7. Monitor the Research Priority Groups (RPGs) with a view to ensuring that they successfully deliver against their planned activities and that the RPGs are meeting the strategic aims of UNMC and the University. The RPGs will also be refreshed on a regular basis, based on recommendations from this committee.
8. Review the use of postgraduate scholarships as a way to maximise both the research outputs, and monies received to UNMC.
9. Provide and maintain a list of *suggested* outlets for scholarly works produced at UNMC. We will not impose a list (as some institutions do) but simply provide a list of outlets that we believe will be of most benefit to UNMC and the individual researchers.
10. Monitor the procedures for PhD supervision with respect to supervision records, progression of candidates and appointing of external examiners.
11. Ensure that our research successes are disseminated across the campus, as well as to a wider audience.