Terms of Reference of FoS Research Committee

The Research Committee is responsible for developing strategies that would help maintain a healthy research base across the Faculty and promote cross-disciplinary research and scholarly output. The Committee shall implement and manage research activities in line with the University’s and UNMC Research Strategy Committee’s (RSC) directives.

1. Membership
   • Dr Nashiru Billa, Chair
   • Professor Peter Mitchell, Dean of Science
   • Professor Asgar Ali, School of Biosciences
   • Dr Lim Kuan Hong, School of Pharmacy
   • Dr Sue Mian Then, School of Biomedical Sciences
   • Dr Ahimsa Campos Arciez, School of Geography
   • Dr Iman Yi Liao, School of Computer Sciences
   • Dr Jason Satel, School of Psychology
   • Mr Macus Gung Yu Lo (minuting secretary)

2. Frequency of meeting
   • Quarterly, preferably in the last week of January, April, July and October.

3. Liaison with UNMC Research Strategy Committee (RSC)
   • Help implement RSC strategies.
   • Monitor research activity within FoS against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set out by RSC.
   • Provide the necessary platform for proper functioning of UNMC FoS Research Centres.

4. Organise FoS research talks
   • The committee shall be responsible for organising research talks for academic staff, external speakers and postgraduate students.

5. Peer review external and internal research grant applications.
   • The committee shall be responsible for reviewing external research grant calls and internal pump-priming/equipment research grants.
   • Aim to support all staff to maintain principal investigator status on external peer-reviewed grant awards.
   • Screen conference fund applications.

6. Manage the deployment of funds allocated for pump-priming/equipment research grant and conference funds.
   • Help to identify equipment and research services of wider benefit to the Faculty.

7. Support postgraduate research within FoS
   • Provide support for Faculty-wise postgraduate activities
   • Harmonise postgraduate-related research activity across schools.

8. Disseminate research output
   • The committee shall be responsible for publicising research output including grants and publications.

9. Liaison with external research organisations
   • The committee shall maintain close cooperation with external research bodies such as Crop for the Future Research Centre (CFFRC), local Research Institutions, local Universities, and the Industry as and when the need arises.