

Responsibility for Ethics at Newport

At its meeting in April 2007, the Academic Board agreed the following schedule of bodies responsible for wider ethical issues beyond the scope and remit of the Research Ethics Committee (minute 07.31 refers, following on discussion at the January meeting of the Board to which minute 07.9 refers). The following list is based on an 'Index of Ethical Issues' published by the Council for Industry and Higher Education in its report entitled "Ethics Matters" (2005), and includes items from Newport's draft 'Knowledge and Information Strategy' (2007).

	Subject	Primary Responsibility	Arbiter
1	Academic Freedom	Research Committee/ Learning and Teaching Committee	Academic Board
2	Academic Standards	Academic Standards Committee	Academic Board
3	Admissions	Academic Standards Committee	Academic Board
4	Assessment	Academic Standards Committee	Academic Board
5	Assessment Offences	Academic Standards Committee	Academic Board
6	Bullying/Harassment	Diversity Panel	Management Board
7	Business Relationships	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Audit Committee
8	Collaboration/Competition with HEIs	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Audit Committee
9	Communication with Staff and Stakeholders	Information Strategy Panel	Management Board
10	Community Initiatives	Management Board	Board of Governors
11	Complaints and Appeals	Management Board	Board of Governors
12	Conflicts of Interest	Management Board	Board of Governors
13	Consultancy	Management Board	Board of Governors
14	Cultural Issues	Diversity Panel	Management Board
15	Disciplinary Procedures	Management Board	Board of Governors
16	Diversity	Management Board	Management Board
17	Donations	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
18	Duty of Care	Management Board	Audit Committee
19	Environmental Responsibility	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General

			Purposes Committee
20	Equal Opportunities	Diversity Panel	Management Board
21	Estate Management	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
22	Ethical Investment	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee	Board of Governors
23	Freedom of Speech	Management Board	Board of Governors
24	Funding Sources	Management Board	Audit Committee
25	Gifts and Hospitality	Management Board	Audit Committee
26	Governance	Board of Governors	Queen's Privy Council
27	Health, Safety and Security	Health, Safety and Welfare Committee	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
28	Helpline	Information Strategy Panel	Management Board
29	Human Rights	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
30	Information Management - Security & Acceptable Use	Information Strategy Panel	Management Board
31	Intellectual Property	Research Committee/ Learning and Teaching Committee	Academic Board
32	International Students	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Academic Board
33	Investigatory Powers/ Surveillance	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
34	Marketing Practices	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Audit Committee
35	Obligations to Staff	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
36	Obligations to Students	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes

			Committee
37	Overseas Campuses	Overseas Collaborative Group	Audit Committee
38	Practice Placements/ Work-based Learning	Academic Standards Committee	Academic Board
39	Privacy & Confidentiality/ Data Protection	Information Strategy Panel	Management Board
40	Procurement/Purchasing	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
41	Research Ethics	Research Ethics Committee	Academic Board
42	Sponsorship and Enterprise	Research Ethics Committee	Board of Governors
43	Staff Development	Management Board	Board of Governors
44	Staff Remuneration	Management Board	Board of Governors
45	Student Support	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Audit Committee
46	Student/Tutor Relationships	Diversity Panel	Management Board
47	Students Union	Management Board	Board of Governors
48	Suppliers and Subcontractors	Management Board	Finance, Employment Policy and General Purposes Committee
49	Sustainable Development	Academic Development and Planning Committee	Audit Committee
50	Values	Academic Board	Board of Governors
51	Whistleblowing/public interest	Management Board	Board of Governors

Furthermore, the Academic Board acknowledged that all members of the University should understand their own personal responsibility for ethics as outlined in the Nolan principles concerning public service, where individuals are responsible for acting with the qualities of: selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness (disclosure of private interest); honesty; and leadership (example) and enshrined in contractual obligations of staff.

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