

TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMITTEE	MULTIDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE (UE MDI)
PURPOSE	<p>This Committee reports to the University Executive (UE) on the implementation and performance of the multidisciplinary initiatives in relation to the Strategic Plan 2016-20. This includes academic and financial performance, as well as engagement with key stakeholders both within and external to the University. The UE Multidisciplinary Initiatives (MDI) Committee makes recommendations to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (DVC (Research)) in the exercise of his delegated authority for the University-wide planning, decision-making and oversight of the pan-university, strategic multidisciplinary initiatives.</p> <p>The UE MDI Committee oversees six University MDIs which for purposes of meetings have been grouped as follows.</p> <p>UE MDI I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain and Mind Centre (BMC): focuses on mental health and neuroscience; • Charles Perkins Centre (CPC): focuses on obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease; and • Sydney Environment Institute (SEI): focuses on the relationship between humans and the natural world. <p>UE MDI II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Sydney Nano Institute (Sydney Nano): focuses on applying nanoscience and nanotechnologies to strategically identified sectors; • Centre for Translational Data Science (CTDS): focuses on applying data and machine learning technologies to strategically identified domains; and • Sydney Policy Lab: focuses on applying policy research and policy translation expertise to a wide number of complex societal issues. <p>Other MDIs may be added to the committee as the University strategy matures.</p>
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	<p>The UE MDI Committee has authority to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provide advice to the DVC (Research) and DVC (Education) on MDI-related matters, following the strategic direction agreed by the UE; and 2. provide advice to the DVC (Research) and DVC (Education) on financial allocations to the limit of the DVC (Research) and DVC (Education) delegation, on proposals formally supported by the University budget process. <p>Relationship with University Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the UE MDI Committee can refer matters to the UE if the matters have a broader impact on the University; 2. the UE MDI Committee will refer financial decisions to the DVC (Research) and DVC (Education); and 3. the UE MDI Committee will report to the UE annually on each MDI. <p>Committee members have the responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. champion MDI activity within Faculties and University Schools, including promulgation of MDI principles; 2. contribute the perspectives of their Faculties and University Schools to the Committee; and 3. feedback to Faculties and University Schools the decisions and discussions of the Committee. 			
CHAIR	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)			
MEMBERSHIP	<p>Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) (or nominee) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) (or nominee) Vice-Principal (Operations) (or nominee) Vice-Principal (External Relations) (or nominee)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="367 1232 1511 1825"> <tr> <td data-bbox="367 1232 938 1825"> <p>FOR MEETINGS OF MDI I</p> <p>4 Faculty/University School senior Academic representatives (or nominees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean, Sydney Medical School • Dean, Faculty of Science • Dean and Head of School, Sydney Law School • Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences <p>2 Faculty/University School senior managerial representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts and Sciences </td> <td data-bbox="938 1232 1511 1825"> <p>FOR MEETINGS OF MDI II</p> <p>4 Faculty/University School senior academic representatives (or nominees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean, Sydney Medical School • Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences • Dean, Sydney Business School • Dean, Faculty of Engineering and IT <p>2 Faculty/University School senior managerial representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty General Manager, Sydney Medical School • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science </td> </tr> </table>		<p>FOR MEETINGS OF MDI I</p> <p>4 Faculty/University School senior Academic representatives (or nominees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean, Sydney Medical School • Dean, Faculty of Science • Dean and Head of School, Sydney Law School • Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences <p>2 Faculty/University School senior managerial representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Engineering and IT • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Arts and Sciences 	<p>FOR MEETINGS OF MDI II</p> <p>4 Faculty/University School senior academic representatives (or nominees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean, Sydney Medical School • Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences • Dean, Sydney Business School • Dean, Faculty of Engineering and IT <p>2 Faculty/University School senior managerial representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty General Manager, Sydney Medical School • Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science
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QUORUM	A Chair plus half the members shall constitute a quorum	
SECRETARIAT	University Secretariat	
MEETINGS	Monthly, alternating between MDI I and MDI II on a bi-monthly rolling basis	
REPORTING	University Executive	
MINUTES	Available on SharePoint	