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Ethical Advisory Committee

**Subject: Proposed Alteration to the reporting structure for Ethical Advisory Committee**

**Origin: EAC Secretary**

**Date: October 2010**

1. Background

Since the Ethical Advisory Committee (EAC) was established in 1987, it has reported annually to the Senate. Due to the expanded research portfolio of the University since this date, an application for a licence to store tissue for research purposes from the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) has been made. This application is currently under consideration by the HTA.

As a result of the HTA Licence application a HTA Licence Committee (HTALC) will be set-up to meet twice each year, which will review policies and procedures specific to the HTA Licence. HTALC will report to EAC annually. Applications for ethical approval, whether or not they involve human tissue, will continue to be reviewed by EAC.

During preparation for the HTA Licence application it was recommended by the Working Group that EAC should report to both the Senate and Council, thus allowing each of the major strands of the University to keep abreast of research involving human tissue. This would strengthen the current reporting structure and ensure legal and academic compliance.

1. Proposal

Approval is requested for EAC to become a joint reporting Committee, on an annual basis, of both Senate and Council. This will include a report on the HTALC.

1. Proposed Reporting Structure

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