

University of Amsterdam

General University Ethics Committee Regulations

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Preamble

1. The General University Ethics Committee (AIEC) is the committee as referred to in Section 1.7 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*).

Duties

2. The AIEC advises on the ethics guidelines established by the Executive Board with respect to operations at the institution.
3. The Committee's advisory role in respect of ethical issues will in any case encompass the following:
 - a. The detection of ethical issues related to academic research and education, including:
 - II. instruction provided in cooperation with companies and organisations not affiliated with the University;
 - III. contracts for contract research funding;
 - IV. sponsoring for teaching material and teaching facilities;
 - b. The stimulation of debate at the institution on these issues;
 - c. To act as a point of contact for staff and students and for people from outside the institution regarding ethical issues related to academic research and education;
 - d. Consultation and mediation;
 - e. The provision of information;
 - f. The provision of solicited and unsolicited advice to the Executive Board and the deans of the faculties on matters related to ethics issues in academic research and education;
 - g. Academic misconduct, such as fraud and plagiarism.
4. The Committee is authorised to verify that activities at the institution are conducted in accordance with the guidelines drawn up by the Executive Board.

Composition

5. Each faculty nominates a member of the Committee. In addition, the Central Student Council nominates two members and the Central Works Council nominates a single member.
6. Each faculty and the Central Works Council nominate a deputy member.
7. The Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson, who is nominated jointly by the Central Student Council, the Central Works Council and the Executive Board.
8. Members are appointed for a two-year period and may be reappointed once. An exception is made in this regard for the student members, who are appointed for a one-year period and who may be reappointed a maximum of three times.
9. In the event that a member terminates his or her membership prematurely, the arising vacancy for the remainder of the term of appointment will be filled by the deputy member of the faculty concerned.
10. The members and the chairman of the Committee are appointed by the Executive Board.

Procedures

11. The Committee establishes its own procedures.
12. The Committee will have access to all information that it considers necessary for the performance of its duties.

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