Governance

GSBME is supported by a comprehensive governance structure comprising a range of committees and boards representing external stakeholders and School staff. These committees provide management oversight, platforms for strategic discussion and guidance in relation to the School’s operation.

Advisory Panel

At the Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering at UNSW we have an advisory panel to help us stay ahead of the game. The role of the advisory panel is to make sure we have the best chance of remaining at the top of this new and rapidly changing field.

Providing valuable advice on strategic activities, including future directions and opportunities, the advisory panel also assists with the clarification and attainment of our vision, creating strategies, implementing actions and measuring results.

The advisory panel also helps us to adopt leading research and provide advice on translating research to the benefit of health based organisations.

Strategic panel members include:

- Professor Colin Sutton
- Mr Hamish Hawthorn
- Dr Monica Hope
- Dr Colin Stahel
Education Committee

The Education Committee meets monthly to discuss educational and teaching matters within the School. This committee is responsible for reviewing all program and course variations and proposals within the School before consideration by the Faculty.

Members

Associate Professor Socrates Dokos (Chair)
Dr Ross Odell
Professor John Whitelock
Dr Lauren Kark
Bronwyn Ward

Workplace Health and Safety Committee

The Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering maintains a local WHS Level 3 Committee. The committee is made up of management appointed representatives and staff-elected members. It is governed by a Constitution and Terms of Reference.

The committee is charged with enabling staff and students to contribute to the decision making processes affecting their health, safety, and welfare as well as reviewing proposed changes to the work environment, processes or practices and purchasing decisions associated with such endeavours.

Members

Dr Stephen Redmond (Chair)
Professor John Whitelock
Emma Proud
Lynn Ferris
Veronika Tatarinoff
Brooke Farrugia
Chris Dodds
Josef Gooding (PhD Student)

Workplace Health and Safety Corrective Action Meetings

This committee works in line with the Workplace Health and Safety Committee and ensures that decisions and procedures are implemented and adhered to.

Members

Dr Stephen Redmond
Emma Proud
Lynn Ferris
Ethics Officer

Associate Professor Socrates Dokos is the School’s Ethics Officer. Socrates serves as the School’s internal control point for ethics and diversity issues including plagiarism, equity, complaints, and conflicts of interest and provides advice on School governance issues.

Plagiarism

If plagiarism is suspected the incident should be reported to the Ethics Officer, Associate Professor Dokos. The School endorses the University’s Managing Plagiarism for Students Enrolled in Coursework Programs – Procedure and Student Misconduct – Procedure processes for dealing with plagiarism and student misconduct. A further addendum to this procedure directly pertaining to violations or infringements in courses directly managed by the School can be found on the School website.

Equity

If you have special circumstances or a disability that may require some adjustment in the teaching or learning environment, you are encouraged to discuss your study needs with the Convener of each of your courses prior to, or at the commencement of each semester or contact Associate Professor Dokos or the Equity Officer in the Equity and Diversity Unit (see http://www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au/).

Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional assessment arrangements. Early notification prior to the commencement of classes is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made in a timely manner.

Assessment Policy

The UNSW Assessment Policy incorporates existing policy, such as the Student Academic Grievance policy and freedom of access to assessment information, and includes changes in areas such as anonymous assessment, pass with distinction and academic standing. Click on the link to the right to review the University’s policy.

In addition to the above, School and Academic meetings are held on a monthly basis.