

PLANT SCIENCE PLANTS WITH NOVEL TRAITS MANAGEMENT AND HANDLING COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

To advise and make recommendations to the Department Head and the Department Council on issues related to the management and handling of plants with novel traits in development stage 1 within the Department's research laboratories and plant growth facilities.

Specifically, the Committee will:

- Develop and recommend guidelines for the managing and handling of plants with novel traits (PNTs) in Departmental growth facilities by students and research personnel;
- Review and update the guidelines as required;
- Coordinate with the Plant Science Safety Committee for annual orientation of the Departmental PNT guidelines to new students and staff members joining the Department;
- Review terms of reference annually and make recommendations for revision to Department Council.

Composition:

The committee is composed of three academics elected by Department Council for a three year term; a technician with experience working on PNTs elected by Department Council for a three year term, a graduate student appointed by the Department Head for one year term, and the Departmental greenhouse supervisor. The committee will be chaired by the academic member of the committee who is in the second year of her/his term.