

EQSC SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING

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REPORT

1. Summary of Committee decisions

- 1.1 The Committee **approved** the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2025 (EQSC 24/25-34a).
- 1.2 The Committee **confirmed** that the report on the *Education Annual Review and Enhancement (EARE) 24/25* (EQSC24/25-36a) provides sufficient reassurance regarding the robustness of the processes for continuous monitoring of the quality of the University's provision and **agreed** that Recommendations 1-5 of the paper be enacted.
- 1.3 The Committee **recommended to Senate** the report on undergraduate (UG) degree outcomes, with a specific focus on awarding gaps and targets covered under the Access and Participation Plan (APP) (UK-domiciled students only) as well as degree awarding gaps between non-UK domiciled and UK-domiciled students, paper *Draft undergraduate degree outcomes report 2023/24* (EQSC 24/25-37a), subject to the agreed amendments.
- 1.4 The Committee **recommended to Senate** the report on trends in PGT degree awarding, paper *Draft Postgraduate taught degree outcomes report 2023/24* (EQSC 24/25-37b) subject to the agreed amendments.
- 1.5 The Committee **recommended to Senate for approval** proposals for additions to the UG and PGT Academic Frameworks for 25/26, papers (EQSC 24/25-38a-c). Senate is also asked to **note** changes to the format of these frameworks for 25/26. The updated frameworks consolidate many University requirements for course design in one place, aiming to make course approvals documentation easier to use and to support compliance.

- 1.6 The Committee **recommended to Senate for approval** policy and procedure for the approval of progression and articulation agreements (EQSC24/25-39a-c).
- 1.7 The Committee **approved** changes to *QA3 Approval of New Courses of Study for 2025/26 (EQSC 24/25-40a-l)* and its appendices.
- 1.8 The Committee **approved** a minor update to the Y0 MPharm assessment regulations, paper *Update to regulations for the preparatory year (year 0) University of Bath MPharm with preparatory year, delivered at the University of Plymouth (EQSC 24/25-41a-b)*.

2. Summary of all other matters discussed by the Committee

- 2.1 The Committee **noted** an update on all outstanding actions and those completed since the last meeting (EQSC24/25-34b). This included oral updates of Faculty/School Learning and Teaching Committee discussions on student access to exam scripts, current work on student engagement with Quality Assurance and Enhancement and dissemination of institutional themes emerging from External Examiner annual reports.
- 2.2 The Committee **noted** that no decisions have been made by circulation since the last meeting.
- 2.3 The Committee **noted** an oral update from the Chair on pertinent matters.
- 2.4 The Committee **noted** an oral update from the Director of the CLT on proposals for processes/approaches to inclusive learning. The Committee endorsed the approach and testing of this process next year.
- 2.5 The Committee **noted** an overview of minor updates and housekeeping changes to the Quality Assurance Codes of Practice for 2025/26, including formatting changes to improve digital accessibility (EQSC 24/25-42).
- 2.6 The Committee **noted** an update from the Chair of the Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity working party (EQSC 24/25-43).
- 2.7 The Committee was unable to note an update from the Chair of the Scaling of Assessment and Unit Marks working party due an administrative oversight resulting in the update paper EQSC 24/25-44 not being available to the Committee during the meeting. Following the meeting, the paper was made available on Decision Time.
- 2.8 The Committee **received** the minutes of the following meetings/Groups:
- Education Advisory Board - Jan 2025 (EQSC 24/25-45a)
 - FLTQC – Faculty of Science - 4 Mar 2025 (EARE only) (EQSC 24/25-45b), 12 Mar 2025 (Open) (EQSC 24/25-45c), 12 Mar 2025 (Reserved, redacted) (EQSC 24/25-45d)

- FLTQC – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences - 9 Oct 2024 (*EQSC 24/25-45e*), 27 Nov 2024 (*EQSC 24/25-45f*), 29 Jan 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45g*), 03 Mar 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45h*), 26 Mar 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45i*)
- FLTQC – Faculty of Engineering and Design - 12 Mar 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45j*)
- SLTQC – School of Management - 29 Jan 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45k*), 26 Mar 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45l*)
- Degree Apprenticeship Quality and Standards Group 1 May 2025 (*EQSC 24/25-45m*)

2.9 A Committee away-day has been scheduled for Thursday 11 September 2025 (provisional timing 12:00-17:30). Faculty/School Assistant Registrars will be in attendance as Secretaries to F/SLTQCs and key advisors to Faculty/School on quality matters.