

EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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REPORT

1. Summary of Committee decisions

- 1.1 The Committee **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2025 (EQSC 25/26-04a), subject to minor (typographic) changes notified to the Secretary and the redacted summary reports (EQSC 25/26-04b-c) for publication on the University website.
- 1.2 The Committee **approved** the EQSC Terms of Reference for 2025/26 (EQSC 25/26-07) and agreed to recommend them to Senate.
- 1.3 The Committee **agreed** the schedule of EQSC work for 25/26 (EQSC 25/26-08).
- 1.4 The Committee **approved** the report on assessment regulations/framework exemptions granted by EQSC from 23/24 onwards (EQSC 25/26-09a-b) for noting by Senate.
- 1.5 The Committee **approved** the recommendations in the schedule for Degree Scheme Review paper (EQSC 25/26-10a).
- 1.6 The Committee **approved** the revision to the academic framework (EQSC 25/26-11).
- 1.7 The Committee **approved** the approach to selecting a replacement integrity checking service to ensure that the University's expectations for academic standards continue to be met (EQSC 25/26-12).
- 1.8 The Committee **agreed** that a revised version of the policy for the scaling of assessment marks will be agreed by Chair's Action, subject to Committee feedback with the final version to be presented to EQSC for approval (in the new style format for QA statements).

- 1.9 The Committee:
- 1.9.1 **Approved** the updated Assessment for Learning (AfL) Principles to replace and subsume the previous version (EQSC 25/26-14).
 - 1.9.2 **Agreed** that the AfL Design Principles be published with the Academic Frameworks with links to this location from the main QA3 and QA16 pages (EQSC 25/26-14).
 - 1.9.3 **Agreed** that the AfL Design Principles be reviewed by EQSC when changes are proposed (EQSC 25/26-14).
- 1.10 The Committee **agreed** the planned assessment and feedback development activities (EQSC 25/26-15a).
- 1.11 The Committee **will consider for approval** a final version of the assessment and feedback monitoring template (EQSC 25/26-15b) at its next meeting on 17 Feb 26.
- 1.12 The Committee **approved** the terms of reference of the Working Group on Intended Learning Outcomes (EQSC 25/26-16).
- 1.13 The Committee **approved** the proposed direction of travel for a review of the University's course/unit change process as set out in QA4 Amendments to Existing Units and Courses and the Approval of New Units (EQSC 25/26-17).

2. Summary of all other matters considered by the Committee

- 2.1 The Committee **noted** an update on all outstanding actions and those completed since the last meeting (EQSC 25/26-04d).
- 2.2 The Committee **noted** the decisions made by Chair's Action and correspondence since the previous meeting (EQSC 25/26-05).
- 2.3 The Committee **received** an oral update from the Chair and noted the Sector Developments in Higher Education paper (EQSC 25/26-06).
- 2.4 The Committee **received** an oral update from the Students' Union.
- 2.5 The Committee **noted** the following reports:
- 2.5.1 Annual report relating to Pathways to HEA Fellowship Scheme (EQSC 25/26-18a)
 - 2.5.2 Appendix 1 - Moderator 1 annual report (EQSC 25/26-18b)
 - 2.5.3 Appendix 2 - Moderator 2 annual report (EQSC 25/26-18c)

- 2.6 The Committee **noted** an update on Education Annual Review and Enhancement (EARE) actions (EQSC 25/26-19).
- 2.7 The Committee **noted** the update made to the Academic Integrity Statement necessary to reflect the revised definition of academic misconduct - as approved by Senate in Student Regulation 19 (EQSC 25/26-21).
- 2.8 The Committee **received** the minutes of the following meeting:
- 2.8.1 Education Advisory Board 7 Jul 25 (EQSC 25/26-22)