

EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (EQSC)

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REPORT

1. Summary of Committee decisions

- 1.1 The Committee **approved** the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 October 2025 (EQSC 25/26-23a), subject to a minor correction and the summary report (EQSC 25/26-23b) for publication on the University website.
- 1.2 In relation to the previously agreed 'two-lane' approach to Generative AI usage in assessment (EQSC 24/25-58, the Committee **confirmed** that ABC categorisation of assessment will be stopped from 26/27.
- 1.3 The Committee **agreed** to delegate to the Head of AQS approval of minor / housekeeping updates to QA Code of Practice forms, where these cause no material changes to the intent and principles of policy. Amendments to forms will be reviewed by a second member of AQS prior to approval and reported regularly to EQSC.
- 1.4 The Committee **agreed** the Degree Apprenticeship Quality and Standards Group (DAQSG) Terms of Reference for 25/26 (EQSC 25/26-25) can be approved by EQSC Chair's Action, following updates to include Committee feedback.
- 1.5 The Committee **agreed** to recommend proposed Option 3, as outlined in *Deadlines for feedback on Summative Coursework Assessment – revised paper for EQSC referral to April Senate* (EQSC 25/26-26a). The proposal will be updated to reflect EQSC discussions, prior to submission to Senate.

- 1.6 The Committee **agreed** to recommend to Senate, the *revised Disabled Student Policy* (EQSC 25/26-27b), and that this be recommended on to Council for approval, the accompanying *Procedure for Making Reasonable Adjustments to Teaching, Learning, and Assessment* (EQSC 25/26-27c) and that approval for the accompanying list of *Level 1 and 2 Reasonable Adjustments* is delegated to EQSC, and that responsibility for maintaining the list is also delegated to EQSC on an ongoing basis.
- 1.7 The Committee **considered** *Exam Errors in the Academic Year 2024/25* (EQSC 25/26-28) and that this will be noted by Senate.
- 1.8 The Committee **considered** the *Review of Scaling of Unit Marks in the Academic Year 2024/25* (EQSC 25/26-29a-c) and that this will be noted by Senate. The Committee **agreed** recommendations 5.1-5.4.
- 1.9 The Committee **considered** the *Independent observation of exam boards during 2024/25* (EQSC 25/26-30).
- 1.10 The Committee **considered** *Assessment Offences 2024/25* (EQSC 25/26-31a-b) and **agreed** all recommendations 4.1-4.7.
- 1.11 The Committee **considered** the *Overview of External Examiners Reports for 2023/24* (EQSC 25/26-32) and **agreed** all recommendations.
- 1.12 The Committee **considered** *B3 Student Outcomes Compliance* (EQSC 25/26-33a-c) and **agreed** all recommendations 4.1-4.3.
- 1.13 The Committee **considered** *Aligning the Bath QA Code of Practice with the 2024 QAA Sector-Agreed Code of Practice, using student engagement as a lens* (EQSC 25/26-34a) and **endorsed** the proposed approach of alignment with the QAA Code.

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 25/26-23c).
- 2.2 The Committee **noted** the decisions made by Chair's Action since the previous meeting (EQSC 25/26-24a).
- 2.3 The Committee **received** an oral update from the Chair and noted the Sector Developments in Higher Education paper (EQSC 25/26-24b).
- 2.4 The Committee **received** an oral update from the Students' Union.

- 2.5 The Committee **noted** *Priorities for Assessment and Feedback Activities in the A&F Plan for each Faculty/the School* (EQSC 25/26-36a-b).
- 2.6 The Committee **noted** the *Advance HE Annual Data Report for UOB 2024-25* (EQSC 25/26-35).
- 2.7 The Committee **noted** the *Collaborative Provision Report – Learning Partnerships Office (LPO) 2024/25* (EQSC 25/26-37).
- 2.8 The Committee **noted** the Lessons Learnt – Major Change processes (EQSC 25/26-38).
- 2.9 The Committee **noted** reports on Graduate Teaching Assistants from the Faculties of Engineering & Design and Humanities & Social Sciences and the School of Management (EQSC 25/26-39a-e) and **agreed** that a paper outlining training requirements for GTAs be prepared for UEB.
- 2.10 The Committee **noted** updates from other University Committees and sub-groups (EQSC 25/26-40a-o).
- 2.11 The Associate PVC (Student Experience, Student Voice) **noted** that a workshop will be run with the CLT in March on online unit evaluations, and the Committee was invited to share views on this in advance.