

EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (EQSC)

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REPORT

1. Summary of Committee decisions

- 1.1 The Committee received an overview of the quality assurance of undergraduate and postgraduate taught assessments in 2023/24 (*EQSC24/25-19*). The Committee **agreed** that paper *EQSC24/25-19* should be re-drafted before submission to Senate, for noting, to include Committee feedback.
- 1.2 The Committee **received** paper *EQSC24/25-20* - an overview of assessment offences in 2023/24.
- 1.3 The Committee **received** paper *EQSC24/25-21* from the Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience – Student Voice) updating on the ongoing review of Code of Practice statement QA48 (Student Engagement with Quality Assurance). The Committee **agreed** that paper *EQSC24/25-21* be re-submitted after consultation with key stakeholders, to present options for the Committee's decision making.

2. Summary of all other matters discussed by the Committee

- 2.1 The Committee **noted** an oral update from the Chair on pertinent matters.
- 2.2 The Committee **discussed** updates on recent sector developments in HE.
- 2.3 The Committee **noted** an update from the Head of Academic Quality and Standards on the ongoing implementation of the recommendations of the OfS Condition of Registration B5 (Sector Recognised Standards) Review.
- 2.4 An oral update from the Head of Academic Quality and Standards on the decommissioning of Quality Assurance Code of Practice statements was **noted**.
- 2.5 The Committee **noted** an oral update on the Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity working party.

- 2.6 The Committee **noted** an oral update from the Chair of the Scaling of Assessment and Unit Marks working group..
- 2.7 The Committee **noted** a brief oral update from the Chair on the outcomes of the IMC Review/Equalities Act Task and Finish group.
- 2.8 The Committee **received** an update on the mitigation of risk of errors in exam board decisions and information to students.
- 2.9 The Committee **received** the 2023/24 annual report, submitted by the CLT to Advance HE, on the Pathways to Fellowship scheme.
- 2.10 The Committee **received** minutes from the following Committees/Groups:
Education Board – 23 Sept. 2024 (EQSC24/25-24a).
FLTQC – Faculty of Science – 16 Oct. 2024 (*Open EQSC24/25-24b, Redacted reserved, EQSC24/25-24c*), 27 Nov. 2024 (*Open EQSC24/25-24d, Redacted reserved EQSC24/25-24e*).
SLTQC – School of Management - 16 Oct. 2024 (EQSC24/25-24f), 11 Dec 2024 (EQSC24/25-24g).
- 2.11 AOB: The Chair proposed that in future, submissions to the Committee be constituted of a 4–6-page cover paper clearly outlining requirements/recommendation for Committee consideration, with underlying data or contextual information included in an appendix. This will allow dialogue within meetings to be structured more effectively
- 2.12 AOB: The Head of Academic Quality and Standards noted that Academic Registry will bring a paper to the March 2025 meeting of the Committee outlining reassessment of taught postgraduate projects and dissertations.