

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 meeting held on 18 February 2025 (EQSC24/25-25a) subject to the incorporation of the **noted** minor corrections.
- 1.2 The Committee **noted** that a re-draft of paper *QA in UG and PGT assessments for 23/24 (EQSC 2425-19)* was **approved** by circulation, prior to submission to Senate at its 02 April 2025 meeting.
- 1.3 The Committee **agreed** that future papers can be sponsored by any committee member or regular attendee.
- 1.4 The Committee **agreed** to **recommend to Senate** a report on undergraduate (UG) degree outcomes (EQSC 2425-26), following the inclusion of an overview of EQSC discussion points.
- 1.5 The Committee **agreed** an amendment to the External Examiner's Annual Report Template (QA12 Form 2, Question 5.3) to remove reference to Covid-19.
- 1.6 The Committee **agreed** to **recommend to Senate** a summary paper on student appeals for 2023/24 (EQSC24/25-28) contingent upon the inclusion of data as suggested by the Committee. It was **agreed** that the Chair could approve these amendments.
- 1.7 It was **agreed** that options will be explored for courses with a Study Year Abroad, as detailed in paper (EQSC 24/25-29).

2. Summary of all other matters discussed by the Committee

- 2.1 The Committee **noted** that no decisions have been made by Chair's Action since the last meeting.

- 2.2 The Committee **noted** an oral update from the Chair on pertinent matters. This including that outgoing Nottingham Trent University Vice-Chancellor Edward Peck has been confirmed as the next Chair of the Office for Students (OfS).
- 2.3 The Committee **noted** that the paper received on UG Degree Outcomes provided an update on trends in UG degree awarding with a specific focus on the question of degree inflation, and that a second report would be received in due course focussing on awarding gaps and targets covered under the Access and Participation Plan.
- 2.4 The Committee were reminded that all papers for submission to Senate were not for further distribution until they have been received by Senate.
- 2.5 The Committee **received** an overview report on External Examiner processes and comments in 2023/24.
- 2.6 The Committee **received** a summary paper on student appeals for 2023/24.
- 2.7 The Committee **noted** an annual review on Collaborative Provision
- 2.8 The Committee **noted** an update from the Chair of the Academic Misconduct and Academic Integrity working party.
- 2.9 The Committee **noted** an update from the Chair of the Scaling of Assessment and Unit Marks working party.
- 2.10 The Committee received minutes from its sub-committees and groups, including:
- Education Board – 27 Jan 2025
 - Degree Apprenticeship Quality and Standards Group – 07 Feb 2025
 - FLTQC – Faculty of Science – 29 Jan 2025 (Open and Redacted reserved)
 - FLTQC – Faculty of Engineering and Design – 20 Nov 2024, 23 Jan 2025