

Web Update from Senate

Meeting on 6 October 2021

The following issues were discussed at the meeting of Senate on 6 October 2021:

Institutional update

The Vice-Chancellor presented a [report](#) on key issues facing the University. He thanked colleagues and the Students' Union for their hard work in preparing for the safe start of the new academic year. He updated Senate on strong admissions and registrations figures and reported that the University had been placed in the top 100 of the [QS Graduate Employability Rankings](#); and in the top ten of the [Complete University Guide](#), the [Guardian University Guide](#), and the [Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide](#). Bath had also been awarded a [Silver at University level in Athena Swan](#).

Professor Julie Barnett, Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) updated Senate on work to develop a research strategy for the University.

Academic decision-making in 2021/22

Senate approved an approach to mitigating assessment measures for 2021/22 that involved using the University's existing, pre-Covid assessment measures, but with appropriate and sufficient adjustments to accommodate the changed learning and teaching environment and the pandemic situation. The new procedures would replace the extraordinary no detriment measures implemented in previous years. Senate also approved the continuation of arrangements to allow University of Bath students to take a year abroad remotely.

Curriculum Transformation

Senate received an update on Curriculum Transformation and approved a minimum adaptation approach to the adaptation of Regulations in support of Curriculum Transformation course launch.

Fitness to Study

Senate approved amendments to the Fitness to Study policy in order to provide greater clarity on the interaction between Fitness to Study, Fitness to Practise and Disciplinary policies and regulations, in line with the OIA best practice framework; to emphasize the supportive nature of the Fitness to Study policy; and to reflect structural changes within the University.

Senior Academic Appointments

On the recommendation of the Senior Academic Appointments Committee, Senate approved a revised procedure for Senior Academic Appointments.

Regulations for the award of higher degrees

Senate approved amendments to Regulation 16 to amend omissions, clarify procedures and to facilitate a change to the DCLinPsy programme.

Prizes and awards

Senate approved a change in the eligibility criteria for the Godfrey and Sue Hall Postgraduate Research Student Prize to make students eligible for up to twelve months after the submission of their thesis; and approved changes to the Terms of Reference for the Chancellor's Prize Committee.