

Summary of Senate meeting on 16 November 2022

Student data analytics

Senate had a discussion on student data analytics, debating whether data will play a more significant role in the delivery of education and student experience in the next five to ten years; whether monitoring attendance fundamentally challenges the higher education experience; what the academic community's appetite is for understanding how students choose to engage with their studies post-pandemic; and how far Bath should go on this journey. This was an exploratory discussion only as thinking on these issues is at a very early stage.

Industrial action

Senate gave assurance on academic matters in relation to the current industrial action.

Postgraduate Independent Advisor

Senate considered the report of the Postgraduate Independent Advisor and the UEB response to it. Senate also approved the appointment of a further Independent Advisor.

REF

Senate discussed a paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) on the response to REF and some aspirational targets for REF 2028.

Degree outcomes and PTES

Senate gave assurance in relation to degree outcomes and PTES. At its meeting on 24 November 2022, Council subsequently approved the University's Degree Outcomes Statement for publication on the University website.

New courses and awards

Senate approved new courses and awards on the recommendation of the Courses and Partnerships Approval Committee (CPAC).

University Charter

As part of an ongoing review of the University's governance framework, Senate discussed proposed amendments to Charter and consented for them to proceed to Council for informal consideration. Council duly approved the amendments for informal submission to the Privy Council. Once an opinion from Privy Council has been received, these amendments will be subject to formal consideration by Senate, Council and Court.

Senate business and operations

Senate agreed to carry out a review of its own business and operations.

Boards of Studies

Senate approved new Terms of Reference for the Boards of Studies. As these require amendments to Ordinances, they will go to Council for approval by correspondence.

Other matters

Senate noted the Education Strategic Implementation Plan; an update on Curriculum Transformation; and reports from the Academic Ethics and Integrity (AEIC) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committees (EDIC).