Summary of Senate meeting on 5 October 2022

National Student Survey and KPIs

Senate considered a report on the National Student Survey with a view to providing assurance to Council on performance and plans in this area. It also considered a report on performance against the Education KPIs in the past year.

The student learning experience

Senate had a discussion on the student learning experience, with a particular focus on finding the right blend for students between online, in-person, hybrid and flexible modes of delivery. The item was part of a trial of using early-stage discussions about emerging or strategic issues at Senate to inform the development of policy in a particular area.

Admissions and Support for Student Under the Age of 18

Senate approved a policy on Admissions and Support for Students Under the Age of 18.

Export Control

Senate agreed to recommend to Council an Export Control Policy. Council subsequently approved the Policy at its meeting on 13 October 2022.

Committee reports

Senate received reports from the Education, Quality and Standards Committee (EQSC); the Courses and Partnerships Approvals Committee (CPAC), the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (RKEC); and the University Doctoral Studies Committee (UDSC) about their work. This year, Senate has introduced a new format for committee reports, which requires a sharper focus on key areas for assurance and risk.

Curriculum management

Senate approved the establishment of a new Curriculum Management Academic Working Group to look at the processes for approving new courses and programmes with a view to streamlining them and ensuring strategic alignment.

Other updates

Senate received an institutional update and updates on Curriculum Transformation; work towards the next TEF; and admissions and recruitment numbers. It also noted annual reports from University representatives on external bodies.