SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC POLICY DECISIONS – SUMMER 2011

This information note refers to decisions made at the following meetings:

Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee – 11/5/11
Academic Board – 15/6/11
Senate – 29/6/11

Minute numbers are given to indicate the source of the information set out below. Where extracts of minutes are included verbatim, this is indicated by speech marks.

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SECTION A – FOR ACTION

1. Faculty Administrative Review (Final Report) (S.M.202.11)

Resolved ‘that all seven recommendations set out in the report be approved’.

Please see the Faculty Administrative Review (Final Report) at:

http://www.essex.ac.uk/faculty/faculty_review/

2. Academic Standards Task and Finish Group (Final Report) (S.MM.203-211.11)

Recommended to Senate

Resolved ‘that all 15 recommendations set out in the report be approved’.

Please see the Academic Board paper AB/11/12 at:


SECTION B – FOR INFORMATION

1. Changes to Higher Degree Regulations (S.M.220.11)

Resolved ‘that the changes to the Higher Degree Regulations, as set out in paper S/11/43, be approved, with effect from 2011-12.

Please see the Academic Board report to Senate paper S/11/43 at:

2. Changes to Regulations (S.MM.221-222.11 and QAEC.M.63.11)

Reported ‘that the Regulations relating to Programmes of Study and Principal Regulations for Taught Masters Programmes be amended as set out in paper S/11/43, with effect from 2011-12.

Reported ‘that the Regulations relating to Registration be amended as set out in paper S/11/43, with effect from 2011-12.’

Please see the Academic Board report to Senate paper S/11/43 at:

Noted ‘The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Standards) had taken Chair’s Action on behalf of the Committee to recommend to Senate that the amendments to regulations relating to admissions set out in Appendix A to paper QAEC/11/20 be approved with effect from the 2011/12 academic year.’

Please see the Quality and Enhancement paper QAEC/11/20 Appendix A at:

3. Amendments to the wording of the Academic Offences Procedures (S.M.223.11)

Resolved ‘that the changes to the Academic Offences Procedures, as set out in Appendix 1 to paper S/11/43, be introduced with effect from 2011-12.’

Please see the Academic Board report to Senate S/11/43 Appendix 1

4. Amendment to Rules of Assessment (S.MM.226-228.11)

Resolved ‘that the changes to the Academic Offences Procedures, as set out in Appendix 1 to paper S/11/43, be introduced with effect from 2011-12.’

Please see the Academic Board report to Senate S/11/43 Appendix 1

Changes will be published in the revised version of the Rules of Assessment on the web over the summer at:
http://www2.essex.ac.uk/academic/students/ug/rules.htm
http://www2.essex.ac.uk/academic/students/pgt/pgrules_10-11.htm

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CIRCULATION

FOR ACTION:

Heads of Department/School
 Directors of
  Human Rights Centre
  Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities
  Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies
  Study Abroad Office
  Centre for Theoretical Studies
Departmental Administrators (including Centres listed above)

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 Pro-Vice-Chancellors
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