

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC POLICY DECISIONS – AUTUMN 2010

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

Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee – 17/11/10

Academic Board – 15/12/10

Senate – 13/10/10, 19/01/11

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There were no items for action.

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SECTION A - FOR ACTION

There were no items for action.

SECTION B – FOR INFORMATION

1. Annual Monitoring Report Proforma (QAEC.M.79.10)

Noted ‘The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Standards) had taken Chair’s Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee to approve minor changes to the Annual Monitoring Report Proforma to reflect international link monitoring needs and the NSS/SSS commentary for publication requirement. The revised form was available at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/quality/pages/AMNotes.html>’

2. New Course Approval Part 2 Proforma (QAEC.M.80.10)

Noted ‘The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Standards) had taken Chair’s Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee to approve minor changes to the New Course Approval Part 2 Proforma to include a new section addressing the international agenda priorities of the University. The revised form was available at: http://www.essex.ac.uk/quality/pages/final_approval.htm’

3. Periodic Review Stage 1 Questionnaire (QAEC.M.81.10)

Noted ‘The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Standards) had taken Chair’s Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee to approve minor changes to the Periodic Review Stage 1 Questionnaire. The revised form was available at: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/quality/pages/PeriodicReviewDocuments/pr%20undergraduate.htm>’

4. Procedures for the approval, monitoring and review of International Partnership activity (QAEC.MM.90-91.10)

Noted The changes proposed to the procedures for approval, monitoring and review of international partnership activity. The changes reflected both the possible future development of franchise provision and adjustment to ensure that checks made prior to the approval of progression arrangements were proportionate to the risk posed.

The procedures also reflected the greater involvement of relevant Faculty Boards, working alongside the Academic Partnerships Board and reporting jointly to Senate. It was recognised that the changes to the University's AMR process, reported under Chair's Action, needed to be supported by improved management information and that a project was underway to facilitate this.

5. Variations to Rules of Assessment (S.M.322.10 and S.M.37/11)

Resolved 'that, with effect from 2010-11, the variations set out in Appendix 1 of the Academic Board report to Senate (paper S/10/65) for Certificates of Continuing Education, Foundation Degrees and three-year Honours Degrees at Kaplan Open Learning be approved.

'that the variation to the Undergraduate Rules of Assessment requiring a minimum average year mark of 53 in order to progress from stage one to stage two be applied with immediate effect to the 4-year programmes as set out in paper S/11/05.'

6. Variations to the Postgraduate Rules of Assessment (S.M.323.10)

Resolved 'that, with effect from 2010-11, the following variation for the MA in the Foundations of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy and the Postgraduate Diploma in the Foundations of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust be approved:

that for the award of the masters degree/postgraduate diploma with merit or distinction both Clinical Work Supervisor's Reports must be passed at the first attempt'

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7 March 2011

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)

FOR INFORMATION:

Vice-Chancellor
Pro-Vice-Chancellors
Deans
Academic Registrar
Faculty Managers
Academic Officers

