Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) Digest

This digest provides a short summary of the outcome of the meeting of the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) held on 18 May 2023. Staff can access the full agendas and papers on the University website.

Risk Register
The QAC noted the Risk Register with regards to the specific risks associated with Education.

Future Academic Year Structures
Members of the QAC discussed the Future Academic Year Structure. The paper was positively received and QAC endorsed its progression to the University Senate for further discussion.

Quality Enhancement and Standards Review (QESR)
Members of the QAC discussed outcomes of the Quality Enhancement and Standards Review in respect of:

1. QESR Findings Report
2. QESR Draft Action Plan

Degree Classifications 2021/22 Report
Members of the QAC discussed the Degree Classifications Report for 2021/22. The Committee was reassured by the positive outcomes within the report.

Update on TESTA Pilot
The QAC heard an update on the Transforming the Experience of Students Through Assessment (TESTA) pilot.

Marking and Assessment Boycott: Update from Vice-Principal (Education)
Members of the QAC discussed an update on the marking and assessment boycott, and endorsed the Additional Measures to Enable Graduation for approval at Senate.

Creation of Graduation Hood for the Degree of Master of Business (MBus)
Members of the QAC approved the creation of a Graduation Hood for the degree of Master of Business (MBus).

Deadlines for the Return of Results 2023/24
Members of the QAC approved the deadlines for the return of results in academic year 2023/24.

Resolution for Changes to Regulations for Various Degrees
The Committee approved a resolution for Changes to Regulations for Various Degrees, for approval at Senate.
Update Reports from QAC Sub-Committees and Reporting Committees

Members of the QAC noted the update reports from the QAC reporting committees as follows:

1. Academic Policy and Regulations Group (APRG)
2. Students’ Progress Committee (SPC)

Qatar Term dates for Academic Year 2023/24

Members of the QAC noted the change to term dates in Qatar for Academic Year 2023/24, approved by Convenor’s Action.

ME5044 Grade Mapping to CGS

Members of the QAC noted the grade mapping to the Common Grading Scale for course ME5044, approved by Convenor’s Action.

QAA Subject Benchmark Statements

The QAC noted the publication of 10 new and revised subject benchmark statements by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

Medical Schools Applied Knowledge Test Dates

The QAC noted the proposed dates for the Medical Schools’ Applied Knowledge Test Dates for subsequent academic years.

Any questions regarding the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) digest should be sent to academicservices@abdn.ac.uk.