UEC Digest

This digest provides a short summary of the outcome of the meeting of the University Education Committee (UEC) held on 23 March 2023. Staff can access the full agendas and papers on the University website.

Remit and Composition
Members of the UEC approved the remit and composition.

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

Aberdeen 2040: Implementation Plan for Education
Members of the UEC received and discussed a paper (Annex A) providing an update on the Aberdeen 2040 Implementation Plan for Education.

Future Academic Year Structure
Members of the UEC discussed the Future Academic Year Structure.

Decolonising the Curriculum: Principles and Timelines
The Committee discussed the actions arising from the approval of the Decolonising the Curriculum Principles and Timelines.

National Student Survey (NSS): Institutional Action Plan Update
Members of the Committee discussed the updates provided in respect of the NSS Institutional Action Plan.

Aberdeen Student Experience Survey
Members of the UEC received and discussed a paper on the results of the Aberdeen Student Experience Survey.

Academic Integrity
Members of the UEC discussed the papers on academic integrity in respect of:
   (i) Contract Cheating Update
   (ii) Artificial Intelligence (ChatGPT) Update

Update on TESTA
Members of the UEC received a paper on the TESTA Pilot and an update on progress therein.

Revisions to the AdvanceHE Professional Standards Framework for Learning and Teaching
Members of the UEC received and discussed a paper on the revisions to the AdvanceHE Professional Standards Framework for Learning and Teaching.

Advanced Teaching Development Scheme Proposal
Members of the UEC approved the paper regarding a proposal for an Advanced Teaching Development Scheme.

Teaching and Learning Spaces Group (Terms of Reference)
Members of the UEC discussed the Teaching and Learning Spaces Group Terms of Reference and agreed that it would be approved via circulation.

Update Reports From The UEC Sub-Committees
Members of the UEC noted updates from the UEC Sub-Committees as follows:
   (i) Employability and Entrepreneurship Committee (EEC)
   (ii) Student Support and Experience Committee (SSEC)

Appeals and Complaints Update 2021/22
Members of the UEC received an update to the paper on Appeals and Complaints data, noting a previous error which provided the incorrect total student population.
Promotions Guidance: Framework for Criteria and Associated Guidance
Members of the Committee noted the communication from the Senior Vice-Principal on the launch of the new Academic Promotion Policy/Procedure and Framework of Criteria. These are available as part of the Academic Promotion Toolkit.

Development of Student Learning Experience Model and Accompanying Principles
Members of the UEC noted a paper on the development of a Student Learning Experience model, and associated principles.

Analysis of Institutional Annual Statements on Institution-Led Review from the Higher Education Sector (2021/22)
Members of the UEC noted a paper on the analysis of Institutional Annual Statements to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) on Institution-Led Review from the Higher Education Sector for 2021/22.

Policy Review Update
Members of the UEC noted a paper providing an update to the Policy Review Plan.

Quality Enhancement and Standards Review: Findings
Members of the UEC noted the recent findings from the Quality Enhancement and Standards Review (QESR) by the Quality Assurance Agency for Scotland (QAAS).

Any questions regarding the UEC digest should be sent to academicservices@abdn.ac.uk.