University Education Committee Digest

This digest provides a short summary of the outcome of the meeting of the University Education Committee held on 16 January 2024. Staff can access the full agendas and papers on the University website.

Risk Register
The Committee discussed the Risk Register, in particular the risks associated with the Education portfolio.

Aberdeen 2040 Implementation Plan
The Committee discussed the Aberdeen 2040 Implementation Plan, in particular the actions associated with the Education portfolio.

Aberdeen 2040 Graduate Attributes and Skills
The UEC discussed the proposed Graduate Attributes and Skills, and approved for onward consideration at Senate.

Aberdeen 2040 Curriculum
The UEC discussed a paper outlining a potential approach to the curriculum in the context of the Aberdeen 2040 strategy.

Decolonising the Curriculum: Community of Practice
The Committee agreed to a proposal to formally stand down the Decolonising the Curriculum Steering Group and replace it with a Community of Practice.

Upscaling Work-based Learning Update
The Committee received an update on the ongoing work in relation to upscaling work-based learning.

Go Abroad Update
The UEC received an update on the ongoing work in relation to Go Abroad and Student Mobility.

Academic Year Structure Implementation: Update on Induction, Transition and Employability Week
The Committee discussed a paper providing an update and suggestions in relation to the proposed Induction, Transition and Employability Week set to commence in 2024/25.

Online Education Update
The UEC discussed a paper providing an update in relation to Online Education matters, and agreed the establishment of an Online Education Forum.

Education Data
(i) National Student Survey – Plan for 2024  
(ii) Appeals and Complaints Data 2022/23  
(iii) Academic Discipline Data 2022/23 (Data)  
(iv) Education Data Reporting Schedule
The UEC discussed matters pertaining to Education data in respect of (i) NSS, (ii) Appeals and Complaints, and (iii) Academic Discipline, and noted the Education Data Reporting Schedule.

Vice-Principal (Education) and Chair of UEC
The Chair provided an update in respect of the position of Chair of UEC and noted the January meeting would be the last of the current Vice-Principal (Education). The Committee noted that Professor Jo-Anne Murray (incoming Vice-Principal (Education)) would take over as Chair of UEC at the next meeting.

Minutes from UEC Sub-Committees
Members of the Committee noted updates from the UEC Sub-Committees as follows:
(i) Employability and Entrepreneurship Committee (EEC)  
(ii) Student Support and Experience Committee (SSEC)
Institutional Liaison Meeting Documentation
The UEC noted the submission to QAA Scotland for the University's upcoming Institutional Liaison Meeting.

Academic Student Surveys
The Committee noted the paper on Academic Student Surveys.

New and Revised Guidance for Generative AI in Education
The Committee noted the following new and revised guidance for Generative AI in Education:
(i) Quick Guide on Acknowledging the Use of GenAI Tools
(ii) Quick Guide on Assignment Notes, Drafts and Versioning
(iii) Student Guidance on Use of GenAI tools in Education
(iv) Staff Guidance on Use of GenAI tools in Education

University Careers and Employability Service Annual Report
The Committee noted the annual report from the Careers and Employability Service.

Any questions regarding the University Education Committee digest should be sent to academicservices@abdn.ac.uk.