

Academic Committee

Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 10:00am

Video-conferencing meeting via MS Teams

Minutes

Present Members:

President and Provost (Chair); Professor Ibrahim Abubakar; Professor Kathy Armour; Dr Paul Ayris; Professor Simon Banks; Professor David Bogle; Professor Clare Brooks; Professor Stella Bruzzi; Professor Jon Butterworth; Mr Simon Cane;

2. Academic Committee Sub-Committees Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership 2021-22 (1-02)

- 2.1. AC approved the Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership for its sub-committees for 2021-22.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2021

- 3.1. AC approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2021 [Minutes 30-33, 2020-21].

indicators. These indicators would be broken down further into ‘split indicators’ that would be used across Condition B3, TEF and Access and Participation Plan progress, and accessible dashboards would be used to present the information.

- c. The indicators would then be used to make two assessments: (i) whether providers met the minimum deadline for registration as a Higher Education provider; and (ii) a new TEF to assess excellence above the baseline.
- d. The proposed TEF assessment would include a provider-level assessment every four years rather than at subject level. The next TEF exercise would take place in September 2022.
- e. UCL’s proposed responses had been consulted with a number of stakeholders and was focused on areas where it could potentially have most impact.
- f. The deadline to respond to the consultations was 17th March 2022.

6.2. AC:

- a. Approved the proposed UCL responses to the OfS consultations on student outcomes and teaching excellence.

7. OfS Pilot Postgraduate Survey 2022 (1-05)

- 7.1. Professor Kathy Armour, Vice-Provost (Education and Student Experience), introduced the paper giving an overview of the plans for UCL to participate in the OfS Pilot Postgraduate Survey 2022. The key points made were:
 - a. UCL had collected feedback on the experience of its postgraduate taught students through the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) since 2016.
 - b. This year the OfS proposed developing a pilot survey for postgraduate taught students which replicated the process of the National Student Survey (NSS).
 - c. Postgraduate research students were not included in the pilot at this stage and they could provide feedback on their experience through the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES).
 - d. UCL took the decision to participate in the postgraduate pilot to provide us with an opportunity to give feedback through the consultation and influence the process and focus of the survey.
 - e. After consulting with staff, UCL had taken the decision to participate only in the pilot OfS survey and would not participate in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) in 2022.
 - f. The pilot survey would run between 19 April and 31 May 2022 and would be administered by Ipsos MORI.
 - g. UCL’s results from the pilot survey would not be published externally. However, UCL would receive programme-level data, subject to publication thresholds, in summer 2022.

- h. The results would not be used as part of the metrics in the forthcoming TEF exercise but it was anticipated that the data would be available for future exercises.
- 7.2. The following points were made in discussion:
- a. In terms of student feedback, it was commented that 3-4 main themes tended to come through the data.
 - b.

- 8.2. AC:
a. Noted the annual update report on the implementation of Prevent at UCL.

9. Academic Committee Annual Report to Academic Board and Council 2020-21 (1-07)

- 9.1. AC endorsed its Annual Report for 2020-21 and recommended that it be forwarded to AB and Council for formal approval.

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

10. Annual Report for Session 2020-21 – Education Committee (1-08)

- 10.1. AC approved the Education Committee Annual Report 2020-21.

11. Annual Report for session 2020-21 – Library Committee (1-09)

- 11.1. AC approved the Library Committee Annual Report 2020-21.

12. Annual Report for session 2020-21 – Research Degrees Committee (1-10)

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