

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Quality Assurance Committee will be held on **Tuesday 12 October 2021** at **2.00pm** via Microsoft Teams.

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AGENDA

FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Approval of the Minute of the Previous Meetings**
 - (i) 9 June 2021 *(QAC/121021/001a)*
 - (ii) 24 August 2021 *(QAC/121021/001b)*

2. **Matters Arising (Action Log)** *(QAC/121021/002)*

3. **Committee Remit and Composition 2021/22** *(QAC/121021/003)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **approve** the remit and composition for 2021/22.

4. **Committee Areas of Responsibility 2021/22** *(QAC/121021/004)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **approve** the areas of responsibility for 2021/22. The Chair will also provide initial guidance to the Committee on the expected workload for the academic year ahead.

5. **Updated Annual Monitoring Process and QAC-School Fora 2021/22** *(Oral item)*

Members of the Committee will hear a summary of the Updated Annual Monitoring Process and Quality Assurance Committee Annual School Fora, which are scheduled to take place in the first half-session of the 2021/22 academic year.

6. **School of Social Science Internal Teaching Review Report** *(QAC/121021/005)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **consider** and **approve** the report on the recent Internal Teaching Review of the School of Social Science.

7. **School of Engineering ITR One-Year Follow-Up Report** *(QAC/121021/006)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **consider** and **approve** the report for the One-Year Follow-Up on the School of Engineering Internal Teaching Review.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 2pm, via Microsoft Teams.

9. **Items for Routine Approval – see overleaf**

10. **Items for Information – see overleaf**

Any member of the Committee wishing an item for routine approval or for information to be brought forward for discussion may ask at the meeting for that to be done. Any such item will be taken after item 1.

Declaration of interests: Any member and individual in attendance (including Officers) who has a clear interest in a matter on the agenda should declare that interest at the relevant meeting, whether or not that interest is already recorded in the Registry of Member's interests.

9. FOR ROUTINE APPROVAL

9.1 Students' Progress Committee *(QAC/121021/007)*

The Committee is invited to **approve** the remit and composition of the Undergraduate Students' Progress Committee.

9.2 Students' Progress Committee (Medicine & Dentistry) *(QAC/121021/008)*

The Committee is invited to **approve** the remit and composition of the Students' Progress Committee for Medicine and Dentistry.

9.3 Fitness to Practise Committee (Medicine & Dentistry) *(QAC/121021/009)*

The Committee is invited to **approve** the remit and composition of the Fitness to Practise Committee for Medicine and Dentistry.

9.4 Fitness to Practise Committee (Education) *(QAC/121021/010)*

The Committee is invited to **approve** the remit and composition of the Fitness to Practise Committee for the School of Education.

10. FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) *(QAC/121021/011)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the record of interaction of PSRBs with the University, as prepared in collaboration with Schools.

10.2 Student Exchange and Study Abroad Register *(QAC/121021/012)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the register of Student Exchange and Study Abroad opportunities.

10.3 Collaborative and Partnerships Register *(QAC/121021/013)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the register on the collaborations and partnerships for the University.

10.4 Undergraduate Student Exchange Agreement between the University of Aberdeen and University of Victoria *(QAC/121021/014)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the Student Exchange Agreement between the University and the University of Victoria.

10.5 Quality Evaluation and Enhancement of UK Transnational Higher Education Provision 2021-22 to 2025-26

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** that the University has signed up to the Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA's) new TNE quality evaluation and enhancement scheme, 'QE-TNE'. By registering for the QAA QE-TNE Scheme, the University is investing in the quality of our students' academic experience and demonstrating our commitment to the advancement of UK higher education delivered overseas. Further information is available on the [QAA's webpages](#).

10.6 Quality Review: Qatar Campus

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the attached papers providing (i) an Update on the Qatar QA Review (*QAC/121021/015*) and (ii) the Remit and Composition of the Qatar Quality Review Task and Finish Group (*QAC/121021/016*).

10.7 Student Absence Policy *(QAC/121021/017)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the attached revised Student Absence Policy, approved by the UEC. Members are advised that this revised version provides clarification of the actions for students isolating as a consequence of Covid-19 (where they remain able to engage with their studies online) are required to take.

10.8 Enhancement Theme Update *(QAC/121021/020)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the update on the Enhancement Theme.

10.9 Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Education *(Oral item)*

Members of the Committee will receive an update from Abbe Brown, Dean for Student Support on the Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Education.

10.10 Content Advice *(QAC/121021/021)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the guidance on Content Advice.